



# ***Morgan County Sheriff's Office***

## **Norman Dills, Sheriff**



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On 03/21/2017 at 03:11am, Morgan County Deputies were advised by dispatch of a pursuit that began in Benton County. Benton County Deputies were involved in a pursuit with a white Ford F-150. The pursuit started after law enforcement were dispatched to a gas station for a vehicle leaving and not paying for fuel. Morgan County Deputies were advised the vehicle had stolen license plates out of Jackson Missouri.

A short time later, Benton County Sheriff's Office ended the pursuit and were searching a wooded area on foot for the vehicle. At approximately 3:50am, Morgan County Deputies located the vehicle travelling southbound on Highway 135, south of Stover. Deputies attempted to initiate a traffic stop but the vehicle did not stop.

The vehicle turned down a county road and continued to attempt to evade law enforcement. The driver of the vehicle lost control and the vehicle ran through a large metal fence post. The vehicle continued to travel off the road, driving through fences and barbed wire, causing deputies to lose the vehicle.

At 06:07am, Morgan County Deputies located the vehicle in a creek bed, however, there was no one inside the vehicle so deputies began to search the area.

At 07:59am, Morgan County Deputies located the two occupants of the vehicle after a brief foot pursuit. The subjects were located in the area of the vehicle. The males were identified as Michael Slack and Joey Hays. Both subjects were taken into custody and transported to the Morgan County Jail.

Joey Hays had seven misdemeanor warrants out of Pettis County and Slack had a felony warrant out of St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and is currently on probation for theft and property damage.

Joey Hays, age 26, from Jefferson City Missouri

Charges: Tampering with Motor Vehicle – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, class D felony, bond - \$25,000, 10 % cash or surety.

Michael Slack, age 41, from Sedalia Missouri

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