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To: All media outlets

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Subject: Vehicle pursuit **Date:** 03/31/2019

All subjects from yesterday's Theft and Pursuit have been charged by the Cole County Prosecutor's Office.

Laronya N. Brown, 21 Class D Stealing, Resisting Arrest and Failed to Obey Traffic Device Erneisha L. Dorema, 18 Class D Stealing, Resisting Arrest Tashianna L. Pitts, 28 Class D Stealing, Resisting Arrest Antanesha Jones, 17 Class D Stealing, Resisting Arrest and Reginald J. Guy 27 Class D Stealing, Resisting Arrest

Bond for all subjects was set at \$25,000 each.

At approximately 3:20 PM today, Jefferson City communications received a call from the Dicks Sporting Goods store, 739 Stoneridge Parkway advising a theft of over \$500 had just occurred. Several suspects reportedly fled the store with a large amount of clothing and the employee was able to provide a vehicle description. The employee advised the vehicle appeared to have a paper temporary registration and left Eastbound on Missouri Blvd.

Responding officers located a vehicle matching the description in the 1200 block of Missouri Blvd. and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The vehicle, a black Kia Soul, continued east bound failing to stop for the marked police vehicle. The pursuit traveled east on Missouri Blvd onto US Hwy 54, across the Missouri River Bridge and onto northbound US Hwy 63. During the course of the pursuit, the suspects threw a large amount of stolen merchandise from the vehicle which was subsequently recovered by assisting officers.

The pursuit ended when authorities from the Missouri State Highway Patrol deployed tire deflation devices at the intersection of Zumwalt Rd and US Hwy 63 in Boone County. After the vehicle became disabled, the five occupants were taken into custody. At this point of the investigation, over \$3000 of merchandise has been recovered.

Charges are pending for the original theft, multiple traffic violations and resisting arrest. The five occupants; including four adult females and one adult male, of Columbia, Missouri, are being held in the Cole County Jail.

Crimestoppers may pay cash rewards for information that leads to arrests, seizures or solving serious crimes.

Callers with successful tips remain anonymous and could receive rewards up to \$5,000.

Contact Crimestoppers at 573-659-8477