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Media Release - Jasper County Sheriff's Office

On August 20, 2009, Jasper County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a motor vehicle tampering in progress call at CR 70 and Apple Road near Sarcoxie, MO.

A passerby was helping who he thought was a stranded motorist get his vehicle started. When the individual tried to start the vehicle with a screwdriver, the passerby became suspicious, left the scene, and phoned 911.

The responding Deputy found Jody D. Anderson, 34, of Joplin, walking away from the scene. It was determined Anderson had stolen the vehicle from Joplin Ford earlier in the day.

Anderson was arrested for Tampering with a Motor Vehicle and 3 outstanding warrants. He was transported to the Jasper County Detention Center for booking.

The charges for which Anderson was arrested are mere accusations and are not evidence of guilt. Evidence in support of the charges must be presented before a court of competent jurisdiction whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.