

Atchison Co inmate on the run following jail escape

**(KAIR)--An Atchison County Jail inmate, considered dangerous, is on the run, and an initial look into the early Thursday morning escape places blame on a failure to follow security policies.**

**That's according to a release issued by Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie, who, citing a preliminary investigation by Sheriff's administration, says 20-year-old Taggart Lee, because "several security policies were not followed by jail security staff," was able to manipulate a door lock, which allowed him to enter an unsecured area of the jail, and then, the outside.**

**Pursued on foot for several blocks by an unarmed jail officer, Lee, brandishing a 2x4 piece of lumber he had picked up, threatened the officer and escaped.**

**Although an attempt to establish a perimeter was made, Laurie said law enforcement was unable to locate Lee.**

**The release states that Lee, who has a history of being armed, is considered dangerous by the Sheriff's Office.**

**Laurie, in the release, describes Lee as a light skinned black man who stands 6-foot-1, weighing 170 pounds. Lee has short black hair and a short beard, and was last known to be wearing lime green pants, a white t-shirt, and orange slip-on shoes.**

**Anyone with information related to Lee's whereabouts is urged to contact Atchison County Dispatch at 913-367-4323, the Atchison County Sheriff's Office at 913-804-6080, or 911 if the situation is an emergency.**

**Lee had been in custody since January 8, held for aggravated robbery. He allegedly committed the crime on New Year's Eve of 2020, accused of taking a phone from a 44-year-old woman at knife-point during a disturbance.**

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