**PRESS RELEASE - MONITEAU COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

On 10/30/2020 at 23:05 hrs, Deputies with the Moniteau County Sheriff’s Office conducted a traffic stop on a black in color Audi passenger car for a registration violation on Old Hwy 50 just outside of California, Mo.

The driver of the vehicle was then identified as a Donald E. Wolverton. Deputies then learned that Wolverton was currently on **probation and parole** for delivery of a controlled substance. Deputies then asked Wolverton to exit the vehicle and speak with them in which he refused. Wolverton was asked to exit the vehicle numerous times in which he then threw the door open striking the deputy. Wolverton then exited the vehicle and began shouting obscenities at the deputies and then became aggressive. Wolverton then resisted detention and attempted to strike deputies, who drew a Taser and ordered him to the ground. Wolverton then attempted to grab the Taser from the deputy; the deputy then deployed the Taser striking Wolverton. After a brief struggle Wolverton was then taken into custody. Upon search of Wolverton, deputies discovered marijuana on his person and then searched the vehicle. Upon search of the vehicle deputies discovered a substantial amount of methamphetamine packaged for sale, marijuana, digital scales and drug paraphernalia. Wolverton was then given medical treatment and transported to the Moniteau County jail.

**Donald E. Wolverton – Age 56 – California, Mo – Delivery of a controlled substance (meth) – Possession of drug paraphernalia – Possession of marijuana – Resisting arrest – Bond $50,000.00**

Tony Wheatley



Sheriff – Moniteau County