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Traffic Accident Results in Two arrests

On Tuesday, October 31st, 2017 at 1819 hours, Officers of the Pratt Police Department responded to the report of a one vehicle motor vehicle accident at the intersection of 6th and Grove street.

On arrival responding officers observed a 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee bearing Kansas tag 399KER in an open trench in the middle of the roadway. The trench was the result of the City of Pratt Water Department working at this location during the day. Officers observed that all four sides of the open trench were protected by barricades that were equipped with working flashing yellow lights.

Officers identified the vehicle occupants as Zachery R. Beltz, 29 yoa white male Driver and Passenger Matthew Shane Rost, 25 yoa white male. Both occupants stated they were not injured and refused treatment by Pratt County Emergency Medical Staff that had arrived on scene. Both driver and passenger are residents of Pratt.

During the investigation of the accident officers were able to detect and seize evidence of unlawful drug possession that resulted in the arrest of both the driver and passenger.

Both suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

CASE NO: 2017-7234/7232