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**Date:** August 29, 2016  
**Origin:** Department PIO  
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## NEWS RELEASE

On Saturday, 08-27-2016 at approximately 1:00 AM, Sgt. Rusty Rives observed two motorcycles eastbound on 32<sup>nd</sup> St. from Wisconsin Avenue. The motorcycles were going one-hundred and twenty-four miles per hour. (124 mph.)

The two motorcyclist were recognized as subjects that officers had multiple interactions with, wherein they taunt the police in order to attempt to prompt a pursuit.

Later into the shift, Sgt. Rives again observed the motorcycles traveling north on Main St. from 32<sup>nd</sup> St. when Haney drove into oncoming traffic at a southbound police unit. Sgt. Rives waited on foot at 15<sup>th</sup> and Main St. Upon their return they were stopped at the light and Sgt. Rives, on foot, approached Haney. Sgt. Rives attempted to take Haney into custody. Once Rives grabbed Haney's hood. He became entangled in it as Haney took off at a high rate of speed. Haney dragged Sgt. Rives several feet. As a result, Sgt. Rives' shoulder was dislocated. Sgt. Rives transported himself to the hospital where he was treated and released.

Multiple agencies, including Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jasper County Sheriff's Office and Newton County Sheriff's Office assisted in locating Haney.

The Jasper County Prosecutor's Office filed charges against Haney for Felony Assault on Law Enforcement and a warrant was issued with a five-thousand-dollar bond.

On Sunday, August 28, 2016, Haney was arrested by the Newton County Sheriff's Office.

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Paul G Haney