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Subject found in connection to stolen ambulance

At about 4 p.m. today, the University of Missouri Police Department received a report that a man — later identified as Sean M. Smith, 40 - had walked out of an MU Health Care facility and stole a St. James, Missouri, ambulance.

The ambulance was later found abandoned in the area of Ashland Road, and Smith had escaped on foot.

A series of MU Alerts were issued. At about 4:50 p.m., Smith was identified because of the alerts and taken into custody at the Midway Travel Plaza off Interstate 70 and Highway 40.

Smith had originally been brought to MU Health Care by the Missouri Highway Patrol, which had stopped him for a traffic violation. The stop had resulted in a pursuit that ended in Cooper County. He had been brought to the hospital to check for injuries.

Charges against Smith are pending.