

Crothersville area shooting suspect Chilton arrested at Scottsburg restaurant

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A man who has been wanted on outstanding criminal charges involving a May 27 shooting in Jackson County was taken into custody in the parking lot of a Scottsburg restaurant late Sunday night, July 13.

Jonathon Lee "Chisel" Chilton, 28, was found by officers sitting in a car in the parking lot of the Cracker Barrel, a popular Scottsburg restaurant located off Honeyrun Parkway on the east side of the city's I-65 interchange.

He had been sought by law enforcement officials since allegedly shooting several times at a car containing three individuals north of Crothersville early in the morning of May 27. One of the individuals was slightly injured during that incident.

The shooting apparently resulted from a drug deal that had gone reportedly gone sour at a house in Crothersville. Chilton was supposedly called to the scene to help settle the matter, and he purportedly followed three individuals when they left the Crothersville residence and got into a car.

The car's back window was shot out, and a couple of other bullet holes were found in the trio's car.

Chilton then reportedly went into hiding, though Indiana State Police with the Versailles post and other law enforcement agencies spent many hours trying to locate him.

While the search went on for Chilton, he was charged in Jackson Circuit Court with attempted battery with a deadly weapon and criminal recklessness with a weapon, both Class C felonies, and possession of a handgun without a permit, a Class A misdemeanor.

On Sunday, July 13, a tip alerted ISP officers that Chilton could be found in the Scottsburg area. According to court documents, Chilton has lived in Scottsburg and Seymour.

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ISP troopers spent much of that day searching for the suspect. Around 10:45 p.m., ISP Trp. Nathan Teusch and officers with the Southern Indiana Great Lakes U.S. Marshal's Task Force located Chilton in the restaurant parking lot.

According to an ISP news release, when they approached the car, they ordered Chilton to surrender. When he refused to follow their directions, troopers forced open the driver's door and took him into custody.

Numerous pills and drug paraphernalia were located in Chilton's vehicle, the report said. He was placed under arrest on two preliminary charges of possession of a Schedule 2 controlled substance, three counts of possession of a legend drug, possession of paraphernalia, resisting law enforcement and driving while suspended with a prior conviction.

Chilton was housed at the Scott County Security Center and is expected to appear in Scott Circuit Court this week when formal charges are filed. He will then be taken to Jackson County for an initial court hearing on the earlier criminal charges.

Detective Roger Drew with the Versailles post stated, "Law enforcement in the area has put in a lot of hours trying to locate Chilton. As the result of cooperation between law enforcement agencies and tips from area citizens, we have finally taken him into custody." As of Monday, July 21, Chilton had not been charged with any criminal offenses in Scott County nor had he appeared for an initial hearing in Jackson County courts.