

NEWS RELEASE

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On October 16, 2012 at approximately 5:31 a.m., officers from the Cape Girardeau Police Department were dispatched to the parking lot of 618 North Street in reference to a disturbance where witnesses stated that a male subject was in the parking lot threatening a subject with a gun.

When officers arrived, they made contact with witnesses and observed the suspect vehicle leaving the parking lot. When officers attempted to stop the vehicle, the driver failed to yield. While traveling at slow speeds and obeying traffic control devices, the suspect vehicle continued to Perryville Road where it turned north. The suspect vehicle then accelerated in attempt to flee from the officer. At Perryville Road and Rotary Drive, the suspect vehicle left the right side of the road and struck a tree at 5:41 am. Officers located a firearm similar to the one described by witnesses inside the suspect vehicle.

The driver was the only occupant of the vehicle. He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. Cape Girardeau County Coroner John Clifton will not release the victim's name until family has been notified.

ADDENDUM / October 16, 2012 at 1:13 p.m.:

Cape Girardeau County Coroner John Clifton released the name of the subject as being James M. Pyles, a 35 year old male from Cape Girardeau.

