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**Shooting and Vehicle Pursuit Ends with Suspect Apprehended without Incident**

Shortly before 9:00 am Odessa Police received a call of a walk-in to the Odessa Fire Department on a person who had been shot in the leg. Officers responded to the Fire Department. The suspect had stolen the victim's vehicle and fled the scene. The suspect abandoned the stolen vehicle and fled on foot in rural Odessa. During this time another call was received regarding a second stolen vehicle by the possible armed suspect. Once the second stolen vehicle was located a vehicle pursuit ensued with the alleged suspect. Officers apprehended the suspect without incident in the area of Benning and Johnson Drive in Odessa, Missouri, when the vehicle the suspect was driving left the roadway and wrecked. Prior to the vehicle pursuit contact was made with school officials and the Odessa R-VII School District placed all school facilities on lockdown as a precaution. The lockdown was lifted at 11:10 am with no issues. The victim was transported by Odessa EMS to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The Odessa Police Department was assisted by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department. This case remains open under ongoing investigations. The above charges are mere accusations and are not evidence of guilt. Evidence in support of these charges must be presented before a court of competent jurisdiction whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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