Albany Man Arrested On False Claims Of Kidnapping
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A 24-year-old Albany, Mo., man was arrested last week after he claimed he was kidnapped and was being held for ransom.

Taylor Hensley asked a family member to drop him off at an address in St. Joseph July 24 and contacted the family member the following day to report he was being held by a subject in St. Joseph that he owed drug money to, said Cmdr. Janice Rothganger with the St. Joseph Police Department.

According to the probable cause statement submitted by detective Eric Powell, Mr. Hensley told his aunt that he would be killed and his aunt would be killed if she did not give him $850 to pay off the debt.

Investigators tracked Mr. Hensley to a residence near 13th and Garfield streets on July 25. At that time, he pointed a gun at himself but was taken into custody without incident.

Mr. Hensley allegedly confessed to Mr. Powell that he created a fictional drug dealer named Damien when he lied to his aunt in order to obtain the $850.

On July 20, Mr. Hensley also lied to his aunt and induced her into giving him $1,200 for the purpose of buying drugs, the probable caused statement detailed.

Although Mr. Hensleyâ□□s family member did not pay the requested ransom amount, prosecutors charged Mr. Hensley Tuesday with a Class C felony for theft. He remained in jail en lieu of a $7,500 bond.