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**Local NFL Player Charged with Resisting Arrest**

**St. Charles County, Missouri-** The Office of Prosecuting Attorney Tim Lohmar announces that Sheldon A. Richardson, 24, of O'Fallon has been charged with Resisting Arrest, along with numerous traffic violations, following an incident that occurred on July 14, 2015. According to a police incident report, officers of the O'Fallon Police Department observed two vehicles traveling at exceedingly high rates of speed on westbound I-64 in St. Charles County, engaged in what appeared to be a road race. As officers attempted to engage the vehicles in a routine traffic stop, the driver of a 2014 Bentley Silver Spur increased its speed to avoid apprehension by the officers, exited the interstate and sped through a traffic light, and turned off all of its vehicle lights. Officers clocked the suspect vehicle traveling at a rate of speed as high as 143 MPH. The driver then turned into a driveway of home in a nearby neighborhood, and officers were able to observe the brake lights and pulled in behind the vehicle. Officers later determined the identity of the driver as Sheldon A. Richardson. Richardson complied with officers' demand to exit the vehicle; summonses were issued, and Richardson was released without further incident. Two other adult males and one minor child were passengers in the vehicle driven by Richardson. The passengers were not charged.

Resisting Arrest is a class A misdemeanor, and is punishable upon conviction by up to 1 year in jail, and / or a fine of up to \$1,000.00. Richardson is presumed innocent until he is proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Richardson has been ordered to appear in St. Charles County Circuit Court on 10/27/2015 for arraignment.

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