



SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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BENTON, MISSOURI - Scott County Sheriff Rick Walter said today that a Haywood City man has been arrested in connection with a Wednesday night robbery / beating incident.

Jim (Bug) Harris Jr. (49) Haywood City is charged with Robbery 1st, Assault 1st, and Armed Criminal Action. Bond has been set at \$100,000.

Walter said the Sheriff's Office received a report Wednesday night that a 26 year old female was at the hospital with severe head injuries due to a beating incident that occurred at her residence in Haywood City. It was also reported that the victim was 7 months pregnant. The victim reported that someone broke in to her residence and pistol whipped her.

When investigators responded to crime scene, they found a massive amount of blood throughout the inside of the residence along with human hair and indications that there had been an altercation inside the residence.

Harris quickly developed as a suspect and was arrested a short time later by the Charleston Department of Public Safety.

Walter said blood found inside Harris's vehicle and on his clothes is believed to be that of the victim.

Walter said the victim was flown to a St. Louis Hospital Wednesday night in critical condition but understands her condition has since been updated to stable.