



## **BARTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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Deemed as America's Most Wanted by the FBI, Barton County authorities were able to safely take into custody a man and a woman wanted by the Independence Police Department for murder and other charges.

Following a 911 call that came in to the Barton County Sheriff's Dept., Lamar, at 4:50 p.m., Thursday, May 25, officers were able to locate, later identified by Barton County Sheriff Shannon Higgins as Richard D. Davis, 41, and Dena D. Riley, 39, both of Independence, in a wrecked vehicle on S.E. 10<sup>th</sup> Rd., one-half mile east of S.E. 90<sup>th</sup> Rd, in southern Barton County.

Riley had placed the 911 call herself to Barton County and spoke to a deputy on the phone stating herself and Davis were going to harm themselves. Upon Higgins arrival at the scene, he took a five-year-old female in to his protective custody whom he found in the area of the wrecked vehicle.

Davis and Riley were wanted by authorities for 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder, two counts of forcible sodomy, forcible rape, 1<sup>st</sup> degree assault and kidnapping.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shannon C. Higgins".

Shannon C. Higgins  
Sheriff Barton County Missouri