

Ozark man wanted for kidnapping,

Suspect taken into custody in south Florida

Palm Beach, Florida, by the U.S. Marshal Service.



Pitts

Earlier Monday, Spivey said authorities located the 1999 Toyota Sienna van belonging to the suspect abandoned in a Wal-Mart parking lot in Coco Beach, Florida, on

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woman and an 8-year-old girl was taken into custody Monday in south Florida.

Ozark Police Chief Tony Spivey confirmed Monday evening 44-year-old David Pitts, who faces six felony charges, was taken into custody without incident in

An Ozark man wanted for allegedly abducting a 30-year-old

sexual abuse captured

Saturday morning.

Pitts is charged with two counts of first-degree kidnapping, first-degree burglary, first-degree theft of property, first-degree rape and first-degree sex abuse.

Spivey said the search for the victims initially started late Thursday night when they were reported missing. He said the 30-year-old woman went to an

Ozark fire department around 8 a.m. Friday where she reported the abduction and sexual assault.

"They actually were held at gunpoint. They were held in a secluded area off of Alabama Highway 123 North throughout the night," Spivey said. "About

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7:30 that morning the 30-year-old victim was forced to drive him to another location where he fled the

vehicle. At that point the lady then drove to the fire station."

Spivey said the victim also was held at knife-point during the abduction. He also said neither victim suffered serious

injuries during the abduction besides any sexual assault-related trauma.

Law enforcement officers from multiple agencies assisted the Ozark Police Department in the search for Pitts.