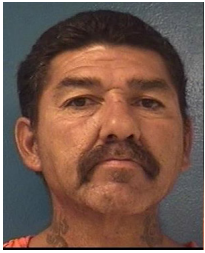


From heroin to detention

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MCSO Deputy Johnson Lee noticed a man behaving oddly while filling up with gas at the Giant gas station in the American Heritage Plaza Oct. 16.

The man, Steve Howe, exited a vehicle parked in the Sonic parking lot across the street and was throwing his hands in the air while talking on his cellphone. Lee caught up with Howe as he headed east on Jefferson toward 9th Street.

The man initially ignored sirens to stop where he was at, but stopped shortly after stepping into a field. Lee noticed that he threw an object on the ground into some tall weeds. Lee would find out that the object on the ground was reportedly heroin.

Another syringe was found in Howe's pocket that resembled a brown substance, which Howe admitted was heroin, the deputy's report stated.

Lee also found another syringe, large rubber bands, lighters, and other items. According to the report, Howe said that he gets his heroin from "different dealers around town."

He was arrested and booked into the McKinley County Adult Detention Center.