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couple's four children, ages 15, 7, 4 and 2, according to news reports out of Leadwood, Missouri.

The children were reported to have been safely delivered to their grandfather just prior to the Sunday arrest.

When the information on the suspects' whereabouts came in, UCSO deputies canvassed the area to alert residents that a dangerous situation was at hand, and that they should lock their cars and homes and stay indoors until the situation was resolved.

After members of the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team surrounded the motel, they determined that the pair had fled the scene.

Investigators, with the help of K-9 Deputy Lacey and Deputy Jeff McConnell, tracked the two to an abandoned house behind the motel.

Laycock and Perkins were arrested without incident Sunday evening and transported to the Union County Jail, where as of press time Monday they were awaiting questioning by authorities traveling from Missouri.

The two are facing charges of first degree assault, armed criminal action, endangering the welfare of children and felonious

restraint, with bonds each set at \$375,000, according to a WBTB news report.

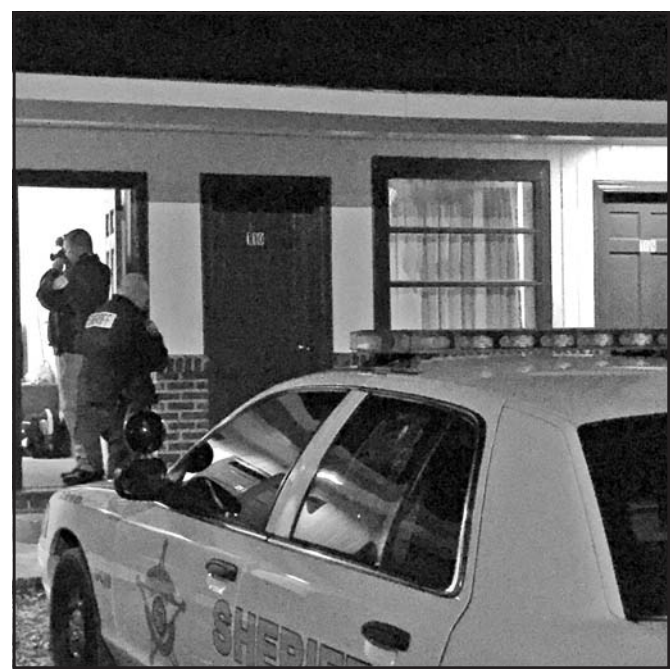
The charges stem from an incident that allegedly took place on Monday, Dec. 5, when Laycock's husband found drug paraphernalia that had been in use by Laycock and Perkins, who had been staying with the married couple and their four children.

After Mr. Laycock discovered the paraphernalia, continued the WBTB news report, an argument ensued, during which the husband threatened to call 911.

He was then allegedly attacked by his wife and Perkins, who were said to have restrained him before stabbing him multiple times, taking a hatchet to his face, then shooting him in the side with a shotgun.

Fortunately, Mr. Laycock survived the incident, and was able to drive to a nearby convenience store for help.

Perkins and Laycock were spotted several times



UCSO investigators at the Lakeside Inn off Murphy Highway, where two individuals wanted by Missouri authorities had allegedly been staying.

after the manhunt began, once in Arkansas, before turning up in Union County at the

Lakeside Inn.

The Lakeside Inn is also known as the El-Joe Lodge.

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Johnson with fellow veterans for Pearl Harbor Day 2012.

Towns County resident and World War II veteran Bud Johnson was aboard the USS Rhind (DD-404), a destroyer attached to the U.S. Navy Atlantic Fleet when Pearl Harbor was attacked.

"I was on my second destroyer during the attack," said Johnson. "I joined the Navy in 1939, two years before Pearl Harbor. I had just made Third Class Petty Officer, over in the Atlantic Fleet.

"I didn't get over into the Pacific until 1944. I spent the last year of the war in the Pacific, the other years I spent over in the northern Atlantic.

"By the time I finally got back over to Pearl Harbor, the other ships had been raised, aside from the USS Arizona and the USS Utah, which were never raised. A lot of people don't realize that about the Utah, that she's still out there in the bottom.

"There were more than 1,100 men who died on the Arizona alone. Over 2,400 died in Pearl Harbor that day, brave men from the Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard, Air Force."

Johnson was on watch aboard the USS Rhind when word reached his ship of the attack. He and his shipmates were on their way back from a tour in Europe, unrelated to the war efforts swirling around them.

"In 1940, a year before Pearl Harbor, I was convoying to Russia and England," said Johnson. "Submarines were sinking our ships, one of our destroyers was sunk and they torpedoed another, and we were shot at multiple times by the Germans. But we couldn't attack them. We couldn't protect ourselves because we were neutral. War wasn't declared yet, until Pearl Harbor."

Today, the retired USS Missouri is stationed in Pearl Harbor, forever keeping watch over the memorial of the USS Arizona. Johnson served on the Missouri just three months following the Japanese surrender aboard the same ship.

"The ship I served on, the battleship Missouri, she's out there guarding the USS Arizona forever," said Johnson. "That's her permanent home out there. I'm hoping to put a group together from Hiwassee to get out there and see her."

The devastating attack on Pearl Harbor took the lives of

more than 2,400 Americans in a mere two hours, demolishing the United States Navy Pacific Fleet and most other military forces stationed off the coast of Hawaii, aside from two U.S. Navy aircraft carriers and a small contingent protecting those carriers.

"Pearl Harbor changed everything," said Johnson. "But it really showed people, don't mess with America. We have tenacity. It's the people that really prove this. It's that little guy down there, in that assembly line. It's we the people.

"It was a slow recovery but I lived through all of it, by the grace of God."

Johnson retired as a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy and, during World War II, he saw the raising of both flags at Iwo Jima from the deck of the USS Missouri and survived the detonation of a German mine off the U.S. East Coast on the YMS-21.

Even in retirement, Johnson has continued to serve by way of veteran organizations in the community, firmly living by the motto, "No veteran gets left behind."

"I'm so thankful to be able to serve this great nation," said Johnson. "I served 36 years, four months and four days, and I'd do it all over again."