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Jail denies responsibility for inmate

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Scott County Detention Center officials insist they acted properly by dropping a double leg amputee who was bleeding and had lost a "gallon-and-a-half" of blood off at a relative's house while still dressed in a hospital gown last weekend.

Monte Duvall, 56, of Stamping Ground was arrested and charged at 3:39 p.m. with felony impersonating of a police officer and with receiving stolen property under $300 at a yard sale by Georgetown Police on Saturday. He was processed and then taken by police to the Scott County Detention Center at 4:25 p.m. Some 40 minutes later he was bleeding badly and emergency officials were called.

The detention center staff was not negligent in its handling of Duvall who was rushed to the hospital Saturday evening with a serious gastrointestinal bleed, Scott County Jailer Larry Covington said at a press conference Wednesday.

"Most of the police believe that once they bring a prisoner through our door they belong to the jail and that is not true," Covington said. "The city doesn't pay one penny to this jail and they (police department) don't want to take the time to take their prisoners to the hospital before bringing them to us. They (police department) don't have the staff or the money."

Duvall disagreed and said he was fine when he was in police custody. For the full story, check out Thursday's News-Graphic or our e-Edition

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