



2011 PRESS RELEASES

Last Update: 12/8/2011

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: 12-05-2011

TIME: 5:30 PM

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: 5 ½ miles north of Sutherland on Vine Ave

DRIVER #1: Aaron Zinn of Everly, age 35, no injuries, restraint belt used

VEHICLE #1: 2009 Dodge, \$8,000 estimated damage

DRIVER #2: Dean Tuinstra of Lake Park

VEHICLE #2: 2001 Peterbilt

NARRATIVE: Zinn was southbound on Vine Ave. Tuinstra was northbound on Vine Ave. The surface of the road was covered with a layer of snow and ice. The vehicles sideswiped each other. Due to the snow and ice surface and other traffic after the accident, officers were unable to determine where the impact took place.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: December 3, 2011

TIME: 3:21 P.M.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: Roosevelt Ave and 290th St

DRIVER #1: Travis Schoby age 33 from Sioux Falls, SD. Uninjured. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #1: 2005 Dodge received \$3500 damage.

NARRATIVE: Schoby was traveling southbound on Roosevelt Ave when he lost control of the vehicle. Schoby ran off the road to the right and hit a no-passing sign, coming to rest in the field.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: November 29, 2011

TIME: 08:01 A.M.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: Walnut Ave. and 465th St., Sutherland, Iowa.

DRIVER #1: Will Friedrichsen, Sutherland. Uninjured. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #1: 1997 Buick received \$2500 damage.

DRIVER #2: Carey Brown, Sutherland. Uninjured. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #2: 2003 Ford received \$8000 damage.

NARRATIVE: Brown was traveling south on Walnut Ave and Friedrichsen was leaving a farm driveway heading west on 465th St. Friedrichsen failed to yield the right of way and collided with Brown. Brown ended up in the adjacent field after driving through a gate. Friedrichsen's vehicle came to rest down the road on Walnut. Lily Friedrichsen received minor injuries and was taken to Spencer Hospital by Sutherland Ambulance.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: November 21, 2011

TIME: 9:00 PM

SUBJECT: Traffic accident and OWI arrest

On November 16, 2011 at approximately 9:50 PM Sheldon Fire, Rescue, EMA and Ambulance personnel were paged to the scene of a motor vehicle accident 2 ½ miles north of Sheldon on Monroe Ave. The accident involved a single vehicle rollover. Following the accident the driver of the pickup was observed fleeing the scene on foot.

O'Brien County Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene and with the assistance of members of the Sheldon Fire Department they began looking for the suspect. A thermal imaging device was used to locate and track the movement of the suspect. O'Brien County Sheriff's deputies located the suspect approximately 25 minutes later hiding underneath a bridge approximately one mile from the accident site.

The suspect was identified as 20 year old Cesar Arizmendi Molina of Sheldon.

Investigation showed that Molina was intoxicated at the time of the accident and was placed under arrest for Operating While Intoxicated, Failure to Maintain Control and Failure to have A Valid Drivers License. Molina was transported to the O'Brien County Jail on the charges. Further investigation revealed that Molina is not a US Citizen and that he was illegally in the United States. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency has issued a detainer for possible deportation of Molina.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: November 20, 2011

TIME: 11:01 AM

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: ½ mile SE of Sheldon on Nest Ave

DRIVER #1: Jay Wesseling of Sheldon, age 84. No injuries, shoulder & lap restraint used.

VEHICLE #1: 2011 Dodge Dakota. Damage estimated at \$5000.00.

NARRATIVE: Wesseling exited Hwy 60 and stopped at the stop sign before entering Nest Ave Wesseling then turned north and lost control on the bridge, due to ice, and struck the bridge. Wesseling admitted to accelerating on the ice and couldn't keep the vehicle under control.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: November 19, 2011

TIME: 09:37 a.m.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: 350 feet east of Hartley on Hwy 18.

DRIVER #1: Stacy Kolb age 27 of Hartley, IA. No Injuries. Shoulder and lap belt used.

VEHICLE #1: 2000 Chevy Blazer, estimate damage: \$3,500 dollars

NARRATIVE: Kolb was heading east when she lost control and entered the south ditch and the vehicle rolled onto it's top. Kolb lost control because of ice on the roadway and traveling too fast for road conditions.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: November 16, 2011

TIME: 9:50 P.M.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: Monroe Ave. & 300th St.

DRIVER #1: Cesar Molina, age 20, of Sheldon, IA. No injuries. Restraints used. Cited for no drivers license, OWI 1st, and failure to maintain control

VEHICLE #1: 1997 Ford F150, estimated damage \$3800.00

OWNER #1: Carlos Paez of Sheldon, IA.

NARRATIVE: Molina was southbound on Monroe Ave. and Molina lost control and entered the west ditch causing vehicle to roll, coming to rest on it's side.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: November 12, 2011

TIME: 1240 P.M.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: 1/4 mile south of Hwy 18 on IA 60

DRIVER #1: Michael Pelelo, age 57 of Sioux City, IA. No injuries. Restraints used. Cited for failure to maintain control

VEHICLE #1: 2007 Ford F150, estimated damage \$9000.00.

DRIVER #2: Mark Gurtler, age 41, of Sheldon, IA. Non-incapacitating injuries.

Transported to the Sheldon Hospital by the Sheldon Ambulance. Restraints used.

PASSENGER IN VEHICLE #2: Millard Anderson, age 68, of Sheldon, IA. Non-incapacitating injuries. Transported to the Sheldon Hospital by the Sheldon Ambulance. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #2: 1993 Ford Festiva, estimated damage \$1500.00.

OWNER VEHICLE #2: Michael Mars of Park Forest, IL.

NARRATIVE: Pelelo was southbound on IA60. Gurtler just entered IA60 southbound from the Highway 18 interchange. Gurtler was getting up to highway speed and was on the crest of a bridge heading south. Pelelo was looking to the west at a construction project. Pelelo did not see Gurtler and due to a much greater speed Pelelo stuck Gurtler in the rear.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA
DATE: November 12, 2011
TIME: 5:48 PM
SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**
LOCATION: 3 ½ miles east of Sanborn on Highway 18
DRIVER #1: Douglas Engel, age 57, from Le Mars. No injuries lap and shoulder restraint used.
VEHICLE #1: 2012 KIA Sedona. Estimated damage \$5000.00.
NARRATIVE: Engel was westbound on Highway 18 and struck a deer that was on the road.

TO: All News Media
FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA
DATE: November 10, 2011
TIME: 1:32 p.m.
SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**
LOCATION: One mile East of Primghar on Sorrel Ave & B40
DRIVER #1: Sidney Gustafson age 90, of Primghar, IA. Transferred to The Primghar Hospital by the Primghar Ambulance, Non-incapacitating injuries, shoulder and lap belt worn.
VEHICLE #1: 2006 Chevy Truck, estimate damage: \$12,000 dollars
NARRATIVE: Gustafson was traveling west when he stated the wind blew him across the centerline. Gustafson overcorrected and went through the ditch into a field and continued. Gustafson then struck the embankment at Sorrel Avenue and ramped over the gravel road into the opposite ditch and then went up onto B-40 and rolled across the highway and came to rest in the south ditch.

TO: All News Media
FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA
DATE: November 2, 2011
TIME: 06:52 a.m.
SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**
LOCATION: 4 miles west of Hartley on Hwy 18.
DRIVER #1: David Titler age 38 of Everly, IA. No injuries. Shoulder and lap belt used. Cited for: Failure To Yield Half of Roadway When Meeting Vehicle.
VEHICLE #1: 2002 Chevy Impala, estimate damage: \$2,500.00
DRIVER #2: Darrel Buechler age 52 of Hartley, IA. No injuries. Shoulder and lap belt used.
VEHICLE #2: 2005 Ford Pickup, estimate damage: \$4,500.00
NARRATIVE: Titler was eastbound on Hwy 18 when he fell asleep and crossed the centerline into the path of Buechler. Titler sideswiped Buechler and Titler then quickly swerved over onto the westbound shoulder where the vehicle came to a stop.

TO: All News Media
FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA
DATE: October 29, 2011

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

SUBJECT: Narcotics Arrest

On Saturday afternoon October 29, 2011 at approximately 1:00 PM the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office arrested an 18 year old Primghar man on an alleged drug charge following an anonymous tip received from a local citizen. The O'Brien County Sheriff's Office arrested Arturo Casillas of Primghar after they received a phone call from an individual reporting there were three individuals in the Primghar City Park smoking marijuana. An O'Brien County Deputy responded to the call and located the individuals. Upon investigation the deputy found drug paraphernalia on Casillas. He was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and transported to the O'Brien County Jail. Possession of drug paraphernalia is a simple misdemeanor and punishable by a fine up to \$625 and up to 30 days in jail.

TO: All News Media

DATE: October 27, 2011

SUBJECT: Shooting incident under investigation

The O'Brien County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call to 119 Normal College Ave, Sheldon at around 6:09 p.m. on October 25, 2011 regarding a female shooting victim needing assistance. Sheldon Police and Sheldon Ambulance were dispatched and responded to the address. Upon further investigation Sheldon Police requested assistance from the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office and Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation. It was determined the victim had a gunshot wound to the head and was transported by ambulance to a Sioux Falls hospital and is being treated at this time. The victim's identity is being withheld at this time. **Law enforcement advises that there is no threat to the public safety of Sheldon residents.**

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: October 20, 2011

TIME: 11:30 P.M.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: .1 mile east of 490th and Tanager Ave.

DRIVER #1: Shane Daugherty, age 24, of Sutherland, IA. No injuries. Restraints not used. Cited for Failure to Maintain Control.

VEHICLE #1: 1988 GMC pick up, estimated damage \$1500.00.

NARRATIVE: Daugherty was eastbound on 490th St. when Daugherty lost control on the gravel, went into the north ditch and rolled the pickup onto its side.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: October 20, 2011

TIME: 7:15 P.M.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: 1/10 mile north of 300th St. and Highway 60

DRIVER #1: Connie TenNapel, age 43 of Sibley, IA. No injuries. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #1: 2010 Ford Fusion, estimated damage \$4500.00.

NARRATIVE: TenNapel was southbound on Highway 60 when a deer came out of the west ditch and into the path of TenNapel. Ten Napel was unable to avoid striking the deer.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: October 19, 2011

TIME: 8:43 A.M.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: .3 mile west of Polk Ave on 460th

DRIVER #1: Marvin Fintel, age 82 of Paullina, IA. Non-incapacitating injuries. Restraints not used.

VEHICLE #1: 1989 Ford pick-up, estimated damage \$2500.

DRIVER #2: Chelsey Zearing, age 22 of Paullina, IA. Non-incapacitating injuries. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #2: 2007 Dodge Charger, vehicle was totaled

NARRATIVE: Fintel had stopped with left turn signal on waiting for on coming traffic to pass before turning into the farm drive. Zearing rear ended Fintel. The force of impact pushed Fintel into the farm drive while Zearing came to rest in the fence line in the north ditch.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: October 14, 2011

TIME: 9:20 p.m.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: 2 Miles East of Hartley, IA on Hwy 18

DRIVER #1: Alisa Sandahl age 53 from Hastings, NE. No injuries. Unknown if protective devices used.

VEHICLE #1: 2010 Toyota Prius, Estimate damage: \$1,500.00

NARRATIVE: Sandahl was eastbound on Hwy 18 and struck a deer.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: October 9th, 2011

TIME: 09:20 a.m.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: 6 miles southeast of Paullina on Silver Ave.

DRIVER #1: Sara Wester age 16 of Primghar, IA. No injuries. Shoulder and lap belt used.

VEHICLE #1: 1998 Toyota, estimate damage: \$6,000.00

NARRATIVE: Wester was southbound on Silver Avenue when she began to swerve and lose control on the loose gravel. Wester attempted to brake, which caused the vehicle to go into the left ditch where it slid sideways and rolled once coming to rest on its wheels.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: October 1, 2011

SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**

LOCATION: 1.5 miles east of Hartley on 320th Street.

DRIVER #1: Natalie Smith age 17 of Melvin, IA. No injuries. Shoulder and lap belt used. Cited for Failure to Maintain Control.

VEHICLE #1: 2006 Chevy Impala, estimate damage: \$7,500.00

NARRATIVE: Smith was westbound on 320th Street when Smith fell asleep. Smith crossed into the oncoming lane then onto the south shoulder and entered the ditch. Smith continued westbound in the ditch, crossed a field driveway and then struck a utility pole causing it to break in half.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: October 4, 2011

TIME: 4:40 PM

SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**

LOCATION: 2 miles southeast of Sutherland on Warbler Avenue.

DRIVER #1: Shane Michael Brown, Age 35, of Sutherland, IA. Received no injuries

VEHICLE #1: 1992 Oldsmobile Cutlass. Vehicle received \$3,000.00 damage

DRIVER #2: Pamela Jean Jalas, Age 53, of Sutherland, IA. Received no injuries

VEHICLE #2: 2004 Ford Ranger, Truck. Vehicle received \$3,500.00 damage

NARRATIVE: Brown crossed Highway 10, from county road M-12, and pulled onto Warbler Avenue. Jalas entered Warbler Avenue from a residential driveway, and was struck by Brown. Both drivers left the scene and called Law Enforcement approximately an hour later. Brown stated his back was hurting and thought he better report the accident. Brown's vehicle sustained heavy front-end damage, and was not drivable.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: September 29, 2011

TIME: 5:20 pm

SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**

LOCATION: Highway 59 and B-40

DRIVER #1: Rose Marie Mordick, age 70, Sheldon, IA. Received Injuries

VEHICLE #1: 2003 Mercury Grand Marquis, received \$3,891.00 damage

DRIVER #2: Shirley Ann Jones, age 58, Primghar, IA. No injuries

VEHICLE #2: 2008 Saturn Aura, received \$4,317.00 damage

NARRATIVE: Mordick was northbound on Highway 59. Jones was southbound on Highway 59. Jones went to make a left turn and failed to yield to Mordick, striking Mordick on the driver's side of her vehicle.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: September 25, 2011

TIME: 2:45 A.M.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: .37 mile east of Nettle Ave on 320th Street

DRIVER #1: Brandon Doorenbos, age 19, of Boyden. Uninjured. Unknown if restraints were used. Doorenbos was arrested of OWI 1st, Minor in Possession 1st, Open Container and Failure to Maintain Control.

VEHICLE #1: 2002 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup, estimated damage \$6500

NARRATIVE: Doorenbos was heading westbound when Doorenbos lost control of vehicle and entered south ditch. The driver's side front tire then impacted a culvert under the driveway and then the drivers rear tire impacted the culvert also. The vehicle sustained heavy damage.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: September 22, 2011

TIME: 09:00 a.m.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: 3 Miles south of Sheldon on McKinley Avenue.

DRIVER #1: Karla Robinet age 63 from Hospers, IA. No injuries. Shoulder and lap belt used. Cited for Failure to Maintain Control.

VEHICLE #1: 2003 Chevy SUV, Estimate damage: \$10,000 dollars.

NARRATIVE: A utility vehicle was traveling northbound on the shoulder of the road at a very slow speed. There was another vehicle ahead of Robinet that was also northbound and passed the utility vehicle. Robinet was distracted and did not see the utility vehicle she was quickly approaching. Robinet swerved and panic braked causing her vehicle to swerve across the roadway into the east ditch where it rolled into its top.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: September 19, 2011

TIME: 4:05 p.m.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: .2 miles South of Sheldon on Hwy 60 – South off-ramp

DRIVER #1: Brian Vollink age 31 of Archer, IA. No injuries. Shoulder and lap belt used.

VEHICLE #1: 2008 Peterbuilt semi tractor-trailer, estimate damage: \$600.00

DRIVER #2: Debra Tait age 61 of Estherville, IA. Non-incapacitating injuries.

Transported to the Sheldon Hospital by Sheldon Ambulance. Shoulder and lap belt used. Cited for Failure to Yield.

VEHICLE #2: 2000 Pontiac Grand Prix, estimate damage: \$5,000.00

NARRATIVE: Vollink was traveling north when Tait pulled out from a stop sign. Tait attempted to turn north and was struck by Vollink.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: September 7, 2011

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**

LOCATION: 330th St and Nest Ave

DRIVER #1: Jessica DeJong age 20 of Boyden, IA. Uninjured. Restraints used. Cited for Failure to Yield Upon Entering Through Hwy.

VEHICLE #1: 2006 Pontiac received \$4500 damage.

DRIVER #2: Dennis Klatt age 69 of Sheldon, IA. Uninjured. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #2: 2010 GMC received \$4500 damage.

NARRATIVE: DeJong was northbound on Nest Ave. DeJong stated that she did not see eastbound Klatt and when she pulled out she struck the utility trailer that Klatt was pulling. The collision caused the axle on the trailer to totally separate from the unit. DeJong then spun 180 degrees and ended up in the ditch area on the northeast corner of the intersection.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: September 4, 2011

TIME: 12:05 a.m.

SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**

LOCATION: Highway 60 & L-26

DRIVER #1: David Dykstra age 25 of Orange City, IA. No injuries. Unknown if protective devices used.

VEHICLE #1: 2006 Ford Fusion, estimate damage: \$5,000.00.

NARRATIVE: Dykstra was southbound on Iowa 60. As Dykstra crossed the overpass at L-26, Dykstra struck and killed a deer.

To: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

Date of Release: September 1, 2011

Nature: **Controlled Substance Arrests**

The O'Brien County Sheriff's Office reports the arrest of two Omaha men on alleged drug charges following a traffic stop at approximately 5:00 PM on August 30, 2011. The traffic stop occurred on Highway #18 approximately three and one half miles west of Sanborn. An O'Brien County deputy sheriff stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and upon further investigation of suspicious activity by the occupants of the vehicle, the deputy found approximately three and one quarter pounds of processed marijuana in the vehicle. Initially the passenger in the vehicle provided a false name. During further investigation officers were able to obtain his correct identity and learned that the subject was wanted on a federal arrest warrant out of Omaha, Nebraska.

The driver of the vehicle, Harold L Taylor age 62 of Omaha, Nebraska, was arrested for possession of controlled substance. The charge, a serious misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year in jail and up to an \$1875.00 fine. The passenger in the vehicle, Edward Allyn Smith age 31 of Omaha, Nebraska, was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver and Failure To Affix a Drug Tax Stamp. Both charges are class D felonies and are punishable by up to five years in prison and up to a \$7500 fine. He was also arrested on the outstanding Federal arrest warrant.

Taylor and Smith were transported to the O'Brien County Jail and booked in on the charges. Each of them appeared in O'Brien County Magistrate court the following morning and Smith's bond was set at \$10,000. Smith is also being held on the federal warrant out of Omaha, Nebraska for the charge of Conspiracy to Distribute and Possession with Intent to Distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine. Taylor's bond was set at \$1000. Both subjects will make appearances later in O'Brien County District Court.

The O'Brien County Sheriff's Office was assisted in the investigation by the Sanborn Police Department, the Iowa State Patrol and the Sioux County Sheriff's Office K-9 team.

Caveat: All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: August 28, 2011

TIME: 5:10 A.M.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: ¼ mile west of Polk Ave on Highway 10

DRIVER #1: Matthew Baird, age 29, of Sioux City, IA, non-incapacitating injuries. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #1: 2001 Mercedes Benz, estimated damage \$4797

NARRATIVE: Baird was westbound on Highway 10. Baird fell asleep and entered the south ditch. Baird hit a field drive causing the vehicle to go airborne and roll coming to rest on its top.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: August 12, 2011

TIME: 11:10 P.M.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: 300 ft. west of B40 and Nest Ave.

DRIVER #1: Hope Verdoorn, age 17, Hospers, IA. Transported to Orange City Hospital by Hospers Ambulance. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #1: 2000 Ford Mustang Convertible, estimated damage \$5000.00.

NARRATIVE: Verdoorn was traveling west, when she fell asleep. Verdoorn then entered the south ditch and continued about 275 feet. Verdoorn then struck a field lane at full speed and then was airborne. Verdoorn landed on the other side and rolled, before coming to rest.

To: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: August 2, 2011

TIME: 11:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: 3 miles southwest of Primghar on 400th Street.

DRIVER #1: Unknown

OWNER VEHICLE #1: William Klink age 36 of Primghar, IA, non-incapacitating injuries, Unknown if protective devices used.

INJURED PERSON VEHICLE #1: Holly Jackson age 31 of Primghar, IA. Incapacitating injuries. Transported to the Primghar Hospital by Primghar Ambulance. Unknown if protective devices used.

VEHICLE #1: 1986 Chevy Blazer, estimate damage: \$3,000.00 dollars.

NARRATIVE: Unit #1 was westbound on 400th Street. Unknown driver of Unit #1 lost control on gravel road, entered the north ditch thus causing Unit #1 to roll several times, coming to rest on it's roof. Accident remains under investigation.

To: All Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: July 20, 2011

TIME: 5:48 P.M.

SUBJECT: Phone SCAM

O'Brien County Sheriff Michael Anderson reported his office received a complaint from a local county citizen of a recent scam.

The scam involved a person telephoning the resident and advising the resident that a "grandson" was in trouble and needed money right away! The person calling indicated he was an "attorney" for this grandson and they needed to do a "wire transfer" via Western Union right away. This was done in more than one phone call. The resident lost over \$9,000 to this scam.

Residents should NOT SEND MONEY right away. They should attempt to check out the whereabouts of the "grandson" or other person they are being asked to send money about.

Sending money via wire transfers via Western Union and other wire transfer companies should always be checked out before sending any money.

In some cases the scam artist will call back more than once and attempt to get additional money from the victim.

Residents are asked to call their law enforcement agency if they are contacted for these types of situations to possibly check out what the caller is telephoning about. It may be discovered a scam and by law enforcement having received prior complaints on similar scams, they may be able to stop you from being another victim.

TO: News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: July 11, 2011

TIME: 3:55 A.M.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: ½ mile west of Starling Ave on 500th St

DRIVER #1: Gerald Jensen, Sutherland. Uninjured. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #1: 2008 Peterbilt. \$3000 damage.

NARRATIVE: Jensen was westbound on 500th street when he observed power lines hanging across the roadway that had been knocked down by a storm that had moved through the area earlier in the evening.

Jensen attempted to stop the truck but was unable to do so before striking the lines.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: June 19, 2011

TIME: 9:12 p.m.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: .25 miles east of Paullina, IA on Hwy 10.

DRIVER #1: Clint Nelson age 44 of Spencer, IA. No injuries. Shoulder and lap belt used.

VEHICLE #1: 2002 Dodge Truck, estimate damage: \$300.00

DRIVER #2: Casie Rehder age 17 of Sutherland, IA. No injuries. Shoulder and lap belt used.

VEHICLE #2: 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix, estimate damage: \$5,000.00

NARRATIVE: Nelson and Rehder were heading east, behind Vehicle #3. Vehicle #3 slowed suddenly and turned into the campground, causing Nelson and Rehder to collide. The driver of Vehicle #3 was not located.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: June 11, 2011

SUBJECT: Controlled Substance arrest

The O'Brien County Sheriff's Office reports the arrest of Pablo R. Marchessini, age 24, of 1004 5th street Sibley, Ia on charges of OWI 1st offense, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana , a traffic violation of driving with a revoked license and no seatbelt in the early morning hours of June 11, 2011. He was stopped in the city of Sanborn by a Sheriff's deputy, transported and booked into the O'Brien County Jail. He was released later in the day after posting 10% of a \$3,000 bond. The seriousness of the charges ranged from a simple misdemeanor up to an aggravated misdemeanor. He will appear in District Court at a later date. Caveat: *All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: June 4, 2011

TIME: 2:45 p.m.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: Intersection of B-40 & Polk Avenue.

DRIVER #1: Betty DeRidder age 54 of Primghar, IA. No injuries. Shoulder and lap belt used.

VEHICLE #1: 2002 Chevy Trailblazer, estimate damage: \$4,500.00

DRIVER #2: Kent Hurtig age 55 of Archer, IA. No injuries. Shoulder and lap belt used.

VEHICLE #2: 2001 Dodge pickup, estimate damage: \$1,000.00

NARRATIVE: Hurtig was going to turn south on Polk Avenue and crossed the centerline to make a wide turn. Deridder thought Hurtig was going to turn north and proceeded to passing Hurtig on the right side of the road. DeRidder glanced off Hurtig and went into the ditch. Hurtig stated he had his turn signal on, but when we checked it, we noticed it wasn't working shortly after the accident.

TO: All News Media
FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA
DATE: May 29th, 2011
TIME: 4:50 a.m.
SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**
LOCATION: 2 ¼ miles southeast of Sutherland on Hwy 10 Blvd.
DRIVER #1: Ronald Schueller age 63 of Sanborn, IA. No injuries. Protective devices used.
VEHICLE #1: 2009 Peterbuilt, estimated damage: \$10,000.00
NARRATIVE: Schueller was headed eastbound on Hwy 10 Blvd when a cow crossed the roadway and Schueller struck the cow sending it into the north ditch.

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA
DATE: May 25,2011
TIME: 10:50 AM
SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**
LOCATION: 2.5 miles southwest of Calumet on 500th Street
DRIVER #1: Norma Wise, age 86, from Atlantic, IA. No injuries. Unknown of protective devices used. Cited for Failure to Yield When Left Turn.
VEHICLE #1: 2008 Cadillac CTS, vehicle received \$4,763.00 in damage.
DRIVER #2: Gary Vandersluis, age 51, of Primghar, IA. No injuries. Protective devices used.
VEHICLE #2: 2000 Freightliner Tractor-Trailer, vehicle received \$3,816.00 damage.
NARRATIVE: Wise failed to yield to Vandersluis as Wise pulled out of the east drive of the Liberty Cemetery and turned left. Vandersluis took evasive action by going into the south ditch. Wise then turned south into the middle drive of the cemetery, striking Vandersluis.

TO: All News Media
FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA
DATE: May 23, 2011
TIME: 10:29 A.M.
SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**
LOCATION: 2nd St. Northeast 150 feet east of North Hayes
DRIVER #1: Ricky Weidaman age 61 of Paullina. Uninjured. Unknown if restraints used.
VEHICLE #1: South O'Brien School bus. No damage.
VEHICLE #2: 2007 Saturn. \$2000 damage.
NARRATIVE: Weidaman was backing the school bus onto the street from the bus barn. The Saturn, owned by Travis Schueller of Sutherland, had mechanical problems and was parked on the south side of the street facing the wrong direction. Schueller's father parked the car there so the car could be repaired by Big D's Garage which was just to the west of where the car was parked. Weidaman did not see the unoccupied car and struck it in the right rear as Weidaman was backing up.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: May 21, 2011

TIME: 8:50 P.M.

SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**

LOCATION: .5 miles south of 280th St on NW Blvd

DRIVER #1: Jerry Johnson, age 44 of Ashton, no injuries. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #1: 1991 Oldsmobile Regency, estimated damage \$ 2347.00

NARRATIVE: Johnson was southbound on NW Blvd. Due to heavy rain, visibility was a factor. Johnson lost control and crossed over the other lane of traffic and entered the east ditch. Johnson struck a culvert and came to rest on top of the culvert. Johnson was cited for OWI, no insurance and failure to maintain control.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: May 18, 2011

TIME: 5:40 P.M.

SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**

LOCATION: ½ mile north of 320th St. (Hwy 18) on McKinley Ave

DRIVER #1: Sarah Blankers age 18 of Sheldon, IA. Uninjured. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #1: 2010 Toyota \$15,000 damage.

DRIVER #2: Nathan Rozeboom age 22 of Hull, IA. Uninjured. Unknown if restraints used.

VEHICLE #2: 1979 Ford truck \$100 damage.

NARRATIVE: Blankers was northbound on McKinley Avenue. Rozeboom was also northbound on McKinley Avenue about to turn into a private driveway at 3145 McKinley Avenue. Rozeboom was slowly moving ahead waiting for a vehicle driven by Chris Jansma of Sheldon, not involved in accident, to go past a private drive before Rozeboom could turn left. Blankers looked away momentarily and did not realize that Rozeboom was nearly stopped. Blankers rear-ended the Rozeboom truck.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: May 7th, 2011

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**

LOCATION: On Redwing Ave just south of 500th Street, Paullina, IA.

DRIVER #1: Ellis Ames age 61 of Meriden, IA. Protective devices not used.

Incapacitating injuries. Transported to Baum Harmon Hospital by Paullina Ambulance. Cited for Failure to maintain control and Failure to wear seatbelt.

VEHICLE #1: 2005 Chevy Aveo, estimated damage: \$6,000.00

NARRATIVE: Ames was heading southbound when he lost control of vehicle and entered west ditch, where the vehicle rolled and came to rest on the passenger side. Witnesses freed Ames from vehicle. The accident is under investigation and charges are pending.

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: May 5, 2011

SUBJECT: Controlled Substance arrest

The O'Brien County Sheriff's Office reports a controlled substance arrest on May 5, 2011. Law enforcement received drug information during an investigation that originated in Paullina. On May 5, 2011 at 2:30 PM, O'Brien County Sheriff's deputies assisted by the Paullina Police Dept. searched an apartment at 115 N Rerick Ave, Primghar, Iowa and found drug paraphernalia and alleged marijuana.

A 17 year old male juvenile and Kathleen Joyce Rook, age 48 of 115 N Rerick Ave, Primghar were both arrested and charged with the following:

Possession of Marijuana, 124.401(5), a serious misdemeanor

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 124.414, a simple misdemeanor.

Ms. Rook and the juvenile were released and will appear in Court at a later date.

Caveat: All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: May 2, 2011

TIME: 10:20 pm

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: ½ mile South of 460th Street & Yulan Avenue

DRIVER #1: Mark Lee Shriver, age 47, of Sutherland, Iowa, received possible injuries. Lap & shoulder restrain not used.

VEHICLE #1: 1993, Red over Tan, Chevrolet Pickup Truck. It received \$2000.00 damage

NARRATIVE: Shriver was traveling south, when he probably fell asleep and crossed the roadway. Shriver's vehicle continued in the opposite ditch and struck a field driveway. The vehicle was then air born and struck the ground, where it rolled onto the passenger side.

TO: All News Media

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: April 21, 2011

SUBJECT: Controlled Substance arrest

The O'Brien County Sheriff's Office reports that on April 19, 2011 at 5:46 PM, O'Brien County Sheriff's deputies assisted by the Hartley Police Department served a search warrant at 431 1st St NW, Hartley Iowa. Officers found a marijuana grow operation and seized several alleged marijuana plants along with the equipment used to grow the alleged marijuana. Some dried alleged marijuana and drug paraphernalia were also seized. Jerry Lynn Goetsch, aged 61 of 431 1st St. NW, Hartley was arrested and charged with the following:

Manufacture of a Controlled Substance, To Wit: Marijuana, 124.401(1)(d), a class "D" felony. Failure to Affix Drug Tax Stamp, 453B.12, (8-counts), a class "D" felony.

Possession of Marijuana, 124.401(5), a serious misdemeanor. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 124.414, a simple misdemeanor.

Mr. Goetsch was released on bond and will appear in District Court at a later date. Note:

All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

TO: All News Media
FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA
DATE: April 12, 2011
TIME: 08:00 AM
SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**
LOCATION: Highway 18 & Oriole Avenue
DRIVER #1: VanderHaag, Rueben Michael, age 16, from Sanborn, IA. Received no injuries. Restraints used.
VEHICLE #1: 2002 Chevrolet, Avalance, SUV. Vehicle received \$2000.00 damage
DRIVER #2: Meyer, Dale Alan, age 36, from Archer, IA. Received no injuries. Restraints used.
VEHICLE #2: 1993 Ford Ranger pickup owned by Leroy Schroeder of Beaver Creek, MN. received \$500.00 damage
NARRATIVE: VanderHaag was westbound on Highway 18, following an unknown vehicle. Meyer was westbound on Highway 18 and was going to turn left onto Oriole Avenue. The unknown vehicle and VanderHaag both passed Meyer as Meyer was about to turn left. The unknown vehicle got past Meyer, but the VanderHaag vehicle and the Meyer vehicle collided in the intersection.

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA
DATE: April 5, 2011
TIME: 7:40 A.M.
SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**
LOCATION: 1.5 miles north of Paullina on Redwing Ave
DRIVER #1: Jodi Gillespie age 43 of Primghar, Iowa, uninjured & restraints used.
VEHICLE #1: 2005 Chrysler with \$3,187.00 estimated damage.
NARRATIVE: Gillespie was southbound on Redwing Ave when she lost consciousness (fainted) and it caused the vehicle to leave the roadway and enter the east ditch.

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA
DATE: March 25, 2011
TIME: 08:23 AM
SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**
LOCATION: .1 miles west of Warbler Avenue on Hwy 10
DRIVER #1: Daphne Ingwersen age 28 of Linn Grove, IA. Not injured. Lap and shoulder belt used.
VEHICLE #1: 2008 Dodge pickup, Estimated damage: \$8,000.00
PASSENGER #1: Stewart Jessen age 57 of Linn Grove, IA. Non-incapacitating injuries. Transported to Baum Harmon Mercy Hospital by private vehicle.
NARRATIVE: Ingwersen was heading westbound when she lost control of vehicle and entered the south ditch. Ingwersen hit the embankment of the ditch and flipped over coming to rest on the roof.

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA
DATE: March 23, 2011

TIME: 3:14 AM

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: ¾ mile S of 340th St on Nettle Ave

DRIVER #1: Ronald Riffenberg, age 45, from S Sioux City, NE. Possible injury and transported to the Sanford Sheldon hospital by the Sheldon ambulance. Lap and shoulder belt used.

VEHICLE #1: 2002 GMC Savana Van, approximate damage \$1,500.

NARRATIVE: Riffenberg was traveling north on Nettle Ave when he swerved to miss raccoons on the road.

The vehicle went into the east ditch and hit a field drive before coming to rest

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: February 22, 2011

TIME: 4:09 P.M.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: S.Cannon & W. Mayme in Paullina

DRIVER #1: Leslie Miller, age 83, or Paullina. No injuries. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #1: 2010 Ford Edge, estimated damage \$700.00.

DRIVER #2: Jessica Dorhout-VanEngen, age 26, of Orange City. No injuries. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #2: 2007 Ford Crown, estimated damage \$2200.00.

NARRATIVE: Miller was backing from his driveway at 513 S. Cannon and struck Dorhout-VanEngen as Dorhout-VanEngen was northbound on S. Cannon.

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: February 20, 2011

TIME: 4:00 AM

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: 280th St .2 mile E of Monroe Ave

DRIVER #1: Juan Manual Hernandez, age 23, minor injuries, lap and shoulder restraint used.

VEHICLE #1: 1999 Mazda, \$2000 estimated damage

NARRATIVE: Hernandez was westbound on 280th St. when he lost control due to icy road conditions. Hernandez entered the south ditch where the vehicle rolled coming to rest on its wheels.

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: February 15, 2011

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: Traffic Accident

LOCATION: ½ mile north of Germantown on Oak Hill Avenue

DRIVER #1: Michael Boyd, age 17 of Paullina, IA. No injuries. Protective devices used.

VEHICLE #1: 2000 Toyota, estimate damage: \$3,000.00 dollars

NARRATIVE: Boyd was southbound on Oak Hill Avenue when a dog ran onto the roadway. The dog was struck and killed.

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: February 7, 2011

TIME: 7:55 A.M.

SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**

LOCATION: 2 ½ east of Sanborn on Hwy 18

DRIVER #1: Joshua Jacobson, age 28, of Spencer. No injuries. Restraints used. Cited for failure to maintain control.

VEHICLE #1: 1988 Chevrolet R2500 pickup, estimated damage \$3000.00

DRIVER #2: Crystal George, age 23, of Sanborn. No injuries. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #2: 2006 Chevrolet Impala, estimated damage \$ 10,000.00

NARRATIVE: Jacobson was westbound on Highway 18. The roadway was covered in snow and drifting over the road. George was eastbound on Highway 18.

Jacobson got in deep snow and lost control and crossed over the centerline and hit George in an offset head on collision.

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: February 2, 2011

TIME: 5:22 PM

SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**

LOCATION: Iowa Highway 60 & McKinley Ave exit.

DRIVER #1: Luke Alan Jungers, age 33 received minor injuries

VEHICLE #1: White, 2008 Dodge Ram, Pickup Truck received \$10,000.00 damage

DRIVER #2: Jordan Daniel Rosenboom, age 19 received minor injuries

VEHICLE #2: Blue, 1997 GMC Sierra, Pickup Truck received \$3,000.00 damage

NARRATIVE: Jungers was southbound on McKinley Avenue when Rosenboom approached the stop sign on the off ramp of Iowa Highway 60, at the 2nd Avenue exit intersection with McKinley Avenue, Rosenboom was unable to stop due to the icy road conditions and slid into the path of Jungers. Jungers vehicle struck Rosenboom's vehicle in the driver's door. The collision caused the Jungers vehicle to spin 180 degrees on McKinley Avenue, and Rosenboom's vehicle was pushed to the southeast and into the ditch.

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: January 31, 2011

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: **CRIME DUSTERS - Burglary Investigation**

The Paullina Police Department is investigating a burglary that occurred during the early morning hours of Friday January 28, 2011. The Paullina Police Department and the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office responded to a burglary at Barama Drug in Paullina. Entry was gained by breaking a window at the rear of the store. An undetermined amount of prescription drugs were taken in the burglary.

The Crime Dusters program is offering a **cash reward** to anyone who provides information on this crime that leads to the arrest and conviction of the offender.

You may provide information on this crime or any other crimes by calling the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office at 712-957-3415. Upon calling you will be put in contact with a Deputy Sheriff who will take your information. People can also provide information or tips on crimes by using the "Hot Tip" link or "e-mail" button on this website. Arrangements can be made to assist the people who want to remain anonymous but still be eligible for the reward.

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: January 28, 2011

TIME: 7:25 AM

SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**

LOCATION: 450th St and L40

DRIVER #1: Charles Thomas Bettin, age 53, from Jackson, MN. No injuries. Shoulder and lap belt were used.

VEHICLE #1: 2011 Subaru. Estimated damage \$3,000.00.

NARRATIVE: Bettin was traveling west and did not see the approaching stop sign. Bettin stated it was too foggy and he was unable to stop at the stop sign. Bettin attempted to turn north onto L40, but was unable to do so and went into the ditch and rolled the vehicle onto its side.

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: January 27, 2011

TIME: 4:28 PM

SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**

LOCATION: 224 feet North of 440th Street & VanBuren Avenue

DRIVER #1: Rassany Ann Keosongseng, age 32, from Cherokee, received minor injuries.

VEHICLE #1: 2001 Jeep Grand Cherokee, owned by Kimham Samnanveth of Shokopee, MN. Vehicle received \$7,500.00 damage

NARRATIVE: Keosongseng was southbound on VanBuren Avenue when she lost control of the vehicle and slid into the east ditch, where the Jeep rolled over one time and came to rest on the roof of the vehicle.

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: January 17, 2011

TIME: 4:22 P.M.

SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**

LOCATION: Washington Ave & Hwy 18 in Sheldon

DRIVER #1: Whitnee Statema, age 17, of Rock Valley. No injuries. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #1: 1993 Chevrolet Lumina, estimated damage \$700.00

DRIVER #2: Kristopher Tatsumi, age 22, of Sheldon. No injuries. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #2: 2008 Chevrolet Impala, estimated damage \$3500.00.

NARRATIVE: Statema was eastbound on Hwy 18. Statema was making a left hand turn onto Washington Ave and failed to see Tatsumi that was westbound. Statema struck Tatsumi in the intersection. Statema was issued a citation for failure to yield on left turn and no insurance.

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: January 17, 2011

TIME: 7:54 A.M.

SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**

LOCATION: Hwy 18 west of M22

DRIVER #1: Jason Gillespie, Hartley. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #1: 2003 Mercury Sable received \$8000 damage.

NARRATIVE: Gillespie was eastbound on Hwy 18. Gillespie lost control due to icy road surfaces and impacted the guardrail on the north side of the road. Gillespie then crossed back across the road and impacted the south guardrail. Gillespie's vehicle received damage to both the front and back of the car. Hartley Ambulance and Hartley Fire were also on scene. Gillespie was taken to Sanford Sheldon Hospital.

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: January 08, 2011

TIME: 02:12 AM

SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**

LOCATION: 5520 390th Street

DRIVER #1: Jerry Jay Nieuwenhuis, age 39, Hospers, IA. Received minor injuries. No restraint was used.

VEHICLE #1: Green, 1984, Chevrolet, Pickup truck, Received \$3000.00 damage.

NARRATIVE: Nieuwenhuis was west bound on 390th Street. Nieuwenhuis hit a large snowdrift and lost control causing his vehicle to go into the south ditch. The vehicle rolled one time and came to rest on its wheels. Nieuwenhuis was ejected out of the side window of the vehicle.

FROM: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office, Primghar, IA

DATE: January 7, 2010

TIME: 8:35 A.M.

SUBJECT: **Traffic Accident**

LOCATION: Hwy 18 ½ mile west of Sanborn

DRIVER #1: Michael Addengast, Hartley. Restraints used.

VEHICLE #1: 1997 Ford. \$3600 damage.

VEHICLE #2: 1995 Acura. \$5500 damage.

NARRATIVE: An unoccupied 1995 Acura, owned by Antonio Pena of Sanborn, was stuck in a snow drift on Hwy 18 a ½ mile west of Sanborn. Addengast was westbound on Hwy 18 and struck the Pena vehicle in the rear. Addengast was transported to Baum Harmon Hospital by Sanborn Ambulance.