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Nature: Search Warrant /Arrests

Agency: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office

On March 9, 2017 the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office became involved in a burglary investigation that began in Lyon County, Iowa that involved numerous stolen firearms. Deputies obtained a search warrant for the property at 6116 433rd St, Primghar (Gaza).

On March 9, 2017 at 5:15 PM an officer with the Sanborn Police Department located a suspect vehicle that was involved in the Sheriff's Office burglary investigation. The Sanborn officer stopped the vehicle, obtained the driver's license of James Skoglund from the driver when Skoglund fled the area and officers pursued. The pursuit ended when officers apprehended the Skoglund in a field south of the Hartley ethanol plant. Also in the suspect vehicle was Maggie Marie Johnson also of Gaza Iowa.

James Kent Skoglund of Primghar (Gaza) was arrest and charged with:

Eluding, 321.279(2), an aggravated misdemeanor.

Speeding, 321.285 a simple misdemeanor.

Stop Sign Violation, 321. 256, a simple misdemeanor.

Possession of Controlled Substance 2nd Offense (Methamphetamine) 124.401(5)(b) an aggravated misdemeanor.

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 124.414 a simple misdemeanor.

Arrest warrants were later issued for Maggie Johnson and she was arrested on the afternoon of 03/10/17 for:

Possession of Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), 124.401(5)

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 124.414.

On March 9, 2017 at approximately 9:15 PM, the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office and Lyon County Sheriff's Offices executed a search warrant at the James Skoglund residence, located at 6116 433rd St., Primghar (Gaza). Several stolen firearms from the Lyon County burglaries were recovered from the residence along with ammunition. Evidence of illegal controlled substances were observed at the residence and a second search warrant was obtained for the drugs. Methamphetamine, marijuana, illegal prescription drugs, LSD, and drug paraphernalia were seized. The investigation continues and further arrests are pending.

The O'Brien County Deputies were near completion of the search at 6116 433rd St. Primghar when a suspect in the burglary investigation walked through the property at 6116 433rd St. An O'Brien County Deputy approached the subject and attempted to get identification from him when he fled on foot. The suspect resisted arrest and a physical confrontation ensued. The suspect was eventually taken into custody and transported to the O'Brien County Jail. Deputies then found a vehicle with Alabama plates on it that was parked approximately one block from 6116 433rd St, Primghar. The deputies continued the investigation and found the vehicle was stolen in Sibley Iowa.

The suspect was identified as Mason Alan Vandenbrink. Vandenbrink was arrested on three outstanding arrest warrants.

1. Probation violation, Lyon county warrant.
2. 2 counts of Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree, Lyon county warrant
3. Operation of a motor vehicle without owner's consent, Osceola county warrant.

Mason Vandenbrink was also charged with numerous “new” charges by the O’Brien County Sheriff’s Office.

1. Interference with Official Acts- (Causing Bodily Injury), 719.1(1)(C)
2. Operation of a motor vehicle without owner’s consent, 714.7
3. Possession of drug paraphernalia, 124.414
4. Possession of Controlled Substance, LSD, 124.401(5)
5. Drug Tax Stamp Violations, 453B.12

On March 10, 2017 Maggie Johnson came to the O’Brien County Sheriff’s Office reference property that was seized from the March 9, 2017 pursuit. Johnson was arrested on two arrest warrants one for possession of methamphetamine and one for possession of drug paraphernalia. Johnson was processed at the O’Brien County Jail when another ½ ounce of methamphetamines was discovered in her purse. Maggie Johnson was charged with a second possession of methamphetamine charge. 124.401(5).

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