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On July 10, 2021 an O'Brien County Deputy stopped a 2002 Dodge Ram 1500 for an equipment violation at 3:40am near the intersection of Highway 18 and Highway 60. The driver was identified as 34-year-old William Bingen of Estherville, Iowa. Mr. Bingen's driver's license was barred, suspended, and he was required to carry SR-22 insurance on the vehicle, which he did not have.

The Sheldon Police Department arrived on scene and K9 Balin was deployed to conduct an exterior sniff of the truck. K9 Balin had a positive indication and the truck was seized. A search warrant was granted and deputies conducted a search of the vehicle. Methamphetamine as well as numerous pieces of drug paraphernalia were located in the vehicle.

Mr. Bingen was booked into the O'Brien County Jail with the following charges:

1. Driving While Barred-Aggravated Misdemeanor
2. Driving While Suspended-Simple Misdemeanor
3. Failure to have SR-22 Insurance-Simple Misdemeanor
4. Possession of Methamphetamine 1st Offense- Serious Misdemeanor
5. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia-Simple Misdemeanor

The O'Brien County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Sheldon Police Department and K9 Balin. O'Brien County Sheriff's Office and Sheldon Police Department are both members of the Iowa Great Lakes Drug Task Force.

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

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