



# OFFICE OF SHERIFF

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On June 10, 2021 at 11:53pm an O'Brien County Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2004 Chevrolet Avalanche for an equipment violation near the South 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and Wyman St in Sheldon, Iowa. The vehicle was driven by 28-year-old, Melea Speelmon of Ruthven, Iowa and 23-year-old, Brittany Rook of Little Rock Iowa was a passenger in the vehicle. During the course of the traffic stop the Sheldon Police Department and K9 Balin conducted an exterior sniff of the vehicle. K9 Balin gave a positive indication of the odor of illegal drugs.

A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted and 8.5 grams of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, a digital scale, multiple small Ziploc baggies, and cash were located in the vehicle. An additional two grams of methamphetamine were located on Ms. Rook's person. Both women were arrested as a result of this investigation.

23-year-old, Brittany Rook of Little Rock Iowa was arrested and charged with the following:

1. Possession of a Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup> Offense-Serious Misdemeanor
2. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia- Simple Misdemeanor

28-year-old, Melea Speelmon of Ruthven, Iowa was arrested and charged with the following:

1. Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver- Class B Felony
2. Failure to Affix a Drug Tax Stamp- Class D Felony
3. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia- Simple Misdemeanor

The O'Brien County Sheriff's Office and the Sheldon Police Department with K9 Balin worked jointly on this investigation. The O'Brien County Sheriff's Office and the Sheldon Police Department are members of the Iowa Great Lakes Drug Task Force.

\*All suspected a presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law\*

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