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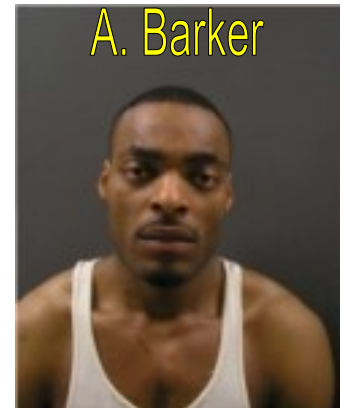
Cousins Nabbed After Crash

On Monday, March 14th, agents of the **Cannon River Drug and Violent Offender Task Force** received information that two men were driving to Faribault from Chicago with a significant amount of narcotics. The agents notified officers to watch for the suspect vehicle. **RCSO Sergeant Mark Hlady** saw the vehicle travelling on I35 at a high rate of speed. He attempted to stop the vehicle, but, after initially slowing down, it sped off. Other officers observed the vehicle speed through Faribault and followed without pursuing it. A short distance outside of Faribault, the driver failed to negotiate a turn and crashed. Two occupants of the vehicle fled on foot, but were pursued by **RCSO Deputy Steve Bauer and K9 Tank**. The two suspects surrendered and were taken into custody. They were identified as



D. Barker

cousins Demarcus Barker, 36, and Andre Barker, 35. Inside the vehicle, agents found 258 grams of marijuana. The next morning, they found over 28 grams of cocaine and 30 pills of Ecstasy in the area that the suspects had crashed. Demarcus was charged with Importing Controlled Substances Across State Borders, 1st degree Controlled Substances (two counts), 2nd degree

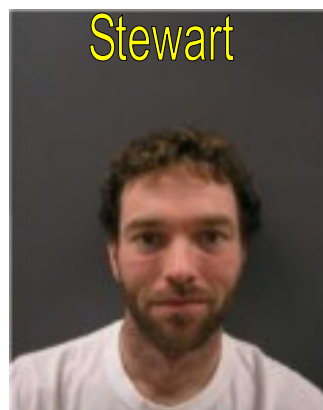


A. Barker

Controlled Substances, 5th degree Controlled Substances and Fleeing in a Motor Vehicle. His bail was set at \$500,000 with conditions. Andre was charged with Importing Controlled Substances Across State Borders, 1st degree Controlled Substances and 5th degree Controlled Substances. His bail was set at \$300,000 with conditions.

Car Seat Stash

On Sunday, March 13th, **Officer Chris Tonjum** saw a person driving whose driving status he believed was revoked. A computer check confirmed the suspect's license was indeed "cancelled" and that he was subject to an arrest warrant. Ofc. Tonjum stopped the vehicle and met with the driver, Nathan Stewart, 29, and placed him under arrest. A search of Stewart revealed a baggie of suspected marijuana. **Officer Justin Hunt** arrived to assist



Stewart

Ofc. Tonjum. Ofc. Tonjum could smell the odor of marijuana coming from Stewart's vehicle, and found several sealed bags of marijuana (hidden in a child car seat), and items of drug paraphernalia. Stewart was charged with 5th degree Controlled Substances, Driving After Cancellation, Possession of More Than 1.4 Grams of Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. His bail was set at \$3,000 with conditions.

“The ship of democracy, which has weathered all storms, may sink through the mutiny of those on board.”

Grover Cleveland

Born March 18, 1837

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Equipment Violation Leads to Sales Arrest

On Thursday, March 10th, **Officer DJ Skluzacek** stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. A computer check of the driver, Dimitri Sherman, 28, indicated he was the subject of two arrest warrants. Sherman was arrested and searched, and a baggie of marijuana was found in his pocket. **Officer Todd Hanson** and **RCSO Deputy Dan Belcourt** and **K9 Tucker** arrived to assist. K9 Tucker alerted to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle and it was searched further. Officers

found white powder (which later tested positive as cocaine), a small scale, marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the vehicle. **Officer Ben Johns** also assisted with the investigation. Sherman was jailed without incident. He was charged with 2nd degree Controlled Substances - sales, 2nd degree Controlled Substances - possession, Driving After Revocation, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of a Small Amount of Marijuana. His bail was set at \$100,000 with conditions.



Sherman

Drug Arrest

On Saturday, March 12th, **Officer Chris Tonjum** saw a person driving that he knew to have a cancelled driver's license. He stopped the vehicle and met with the driver, Joseph Dienst, 33. A computer check verified his license to be "cancelled" and Dienst was placed under arrest. While searching him, Ofc. Tonjum found a small baggie containing suspected methamphetamine. **Officer Matt Shuda** and **Sergeant Eric Sammon** arrived to assist. Inside the vehicle,

Ofc. Tonjum found a methamphetamine pipe in the passenger's purse, and Dienst admitted it was his. Ofc. Shuda found brass knuckles in Dienst's backpack. He was jailed without incident. Dienst was charged with 5th degree Controlled Substances, Driving After Cancellation, Dangerous Weapon - Brass Knuckles, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of a Small Amount of Marijuana. His bail was set at \$5,000 with conditions.



Dienst

Hit and Run

On Tuesday, March 8th, **Officers Adam Marvin** and **Greta Luiken** were dispatched to a reported assault. The victim stated he had been assaulted by his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend. The victim and witnesses all reported the suspect, Victor Van, 29, had come to the residence and was armed with a baseball bat. Van hit the victim with the bat before he could get inside of the residence. Van also hit the victim's car with the bat before leaving. The officers saw the suspect's vehicle a short time later. When



Van

they attempted to stop him, he fled to his residence, locked

himself inside and finally escaped through a window. Officers continued to search for Van. Two days later, **Detective Scott Duncan** and **Sergeant Brandon Gliem** located Van at the courthouse when he appeared on another case, and he was arrested. Van was charged with 2nd degree Assault, Domestic Assault, 1st degree Criminal Damage to Property, Fleeing an Officer, Fleeing in a Motor Vehicle and Trespassing. His bail was set at \$50,000 with conditions.