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| WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE | | NEWS RELEASE NUMBER |
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| INFORMATION: SOUTH BELOIT MAN ARRESTED FOR DRUG AND WEAPONS CHARGES | | |
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ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 AT 10:42 P.M., A WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY WAS ON PATROL IN THE AREA OF CENTER STREET AND LINCOLN STREET IN SOUTH BELOIT WHEN THE DEPUTY OBSERVED A HAND-TO-HAND DRUG TRANSACTION OCCUR BETWEEN TWO INDIVIDUALS. THE DEPUTY IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A POLICE OFFICER AND ATTEMPTED TO STOP ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS, WHO FLED ON FOOT. THE DEPUTY GAVE CHASE AND, DURING THE FOOT PURSUIT, THE SUBJECT TURNED AND FIRED ONE ROUND FROM A HANDGUN AT THE DEPUTY.

THE DEPUTY OBSERVED THE SUBJECT RUN INTO A HOUSE IN THE 200 BLOCK OF SOUTH MOORE STREET. THE DEPUTY TOOK COVER OUTSIDE THE HOME UNTIL BACK UP UNITS ARRIVED. WHILE MAINTAINING SURVEILLANCE ON THE HOUSE, THE DEPUTY OBSERVED THE SAME SUBJECT RUN OUT THE BACK DOOR OF THE HOME. THE DEPUTY AND A SOUTH BELOIT POLICE OFFICER PURSUED THE SUBJECT AND TOOK HIM INTO CUSTODY. POLICE RECOVERED HEROIN AND UNITED STATES CURRENCY FROM THE SUBJECT. WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DETECTIVES OBTAINED A SEARCH WARRANT FOR THE HOME AND SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED MORE HEROIN, CURRENCY AND A LOADED JIMENEZ ARMS .380 HANDGUN, ALONG WITH OTHER EVIDENCE TIED TO THE SUBJECT. A TOTAL OF 75 GRAMS OF HEROIN WAS RECOVERED.

THE FOLLOWING PERSON WAS ARRESTED BY DEPUTIES AND LODGED IN THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY JAIL:

~CURTIS L. PAYTON III (01/30/93) OF SOUTH BELOIT IS CHARGED WITH:
 -AGGRAVATED DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM AT A POLICE OFFICER.
 -POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DELIVER HEROIN (15-100 GRAMS)
 -UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON BY A FELON.

THE CHARGES AGAINST PAYTON ARE MERELY ACCUSATIONS AND HE IS PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW.

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| : SHERIFF : CHIEF DEPUTY : DEPUTY CHIEF OF DETECTIVE BUREAU : DEPUTY CHIEF OF PATROL BUREAU : DEPUTY CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU : DEPUTY CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES : SUPERINTENDENT OF CORRECTIONS : ACCREDITATION MANAGER | SHERIFF GARY CARUANA _____ SUPERVISOR AUTHORIZING RELEASE DATE: <u>05/ 09 /17</u> TIME: <u>1000</u> HOURS |
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