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Over the past 2 weeks, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department conducted an undercover investigation in response to complaints of public indecency in several forest preserves. Based upon that investigative effort, 5 people were arrested for criminal offenses associated with this activity.

The following individuals were arrested at Espenscheid Forest Preserve (4800 S. Perryville Rd.) for the listed charge(s):

James P. Walsh, 81 years of age from Paw Paw, Illinois was charged with Public Indecency and Battery.

Daniel L. Gehringer, 62 years of age from Cherry Valley, Illinois was charged with Public Indecency and Battery.

The following individuals were arrested at Kishwaukee River Forest Preserve (5757 Blackhawk Road) for the listed charges:

Phillip R. Nemenski, 37 years of age, from Footville, Wisconsin was charged with Public Indecency and Battery.

Thomas J. Gilbert, 74 years of age, from Kingston, Illinois was charged with Public Indecency and Battery.

The following individual was arrested at Kieselburg Forest Preserve (5801 Swanson Road) for the listed charges:

Gerald L. Miller, 62 years of age, from Beloit, Wisconsin, was charged with Public Indecency and Battery.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department provides police services to the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District by contract. These types of investigations will continue as needed to address this type of criminal activity. The charges against these individuals are merely accusations and they are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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