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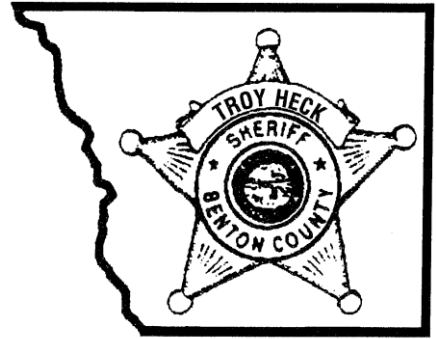
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Troy Heck, Sheriff
Neal Jacobson, Chief Deputy

PRESS RELEASE

DATE: 08-27-18

AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK

On 08-26-18 a Benton County Sheriff's deputy found and arrested a man who illegally possessed a handgun and controlled substances. On 08-26-18 at about 1:00 am, a Benton County deputy was patrolling the area of 2nd St N and 6th Ave N in Sauk Rapids when he noted a vehicle with a malfunctioning taillight. The deputy stopped this vehicle and made contact with the driver, Ryan David Hackler (age 27 of Foley). While conducting this traffic stop, the deputy learned that Hackler had an active arrest warrant and took Hackler into custody for this warrant. While searching Hackler, the deputy found cash, a spoon with the residue of a white powdery substance, and several rounds of 45 caliber handgun ammunition. Following this discovery, Hackler's vehicle was searched. Inside the vehicle, investigating deputies found a 45 caliber handgun, additional rounds of 45 caliber ammunition, an antique handgun, drug paraphernalia, over 300 prescription pills believed to have been prescribed to other individuals, over 30 documents and identification cards in the names of several other individuals, and several electronic devices and tools. A check of Hackler's criminal history indicated that, due to his current conviction status, Hackler was prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition. Hackler was transported to the Benton County Jail where he is being held on his previous warrant as well as charges of possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, 5th degree controlled substance crime, and possession of drug paraphernalia. The investigation into Hackler's possession of other people's identification documents continues. The Benton County Sheriff's Office was assisted in this incident by the St. Cloud Police Department.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Troy Heck'.

Troy Heck
Benton County Sheriff