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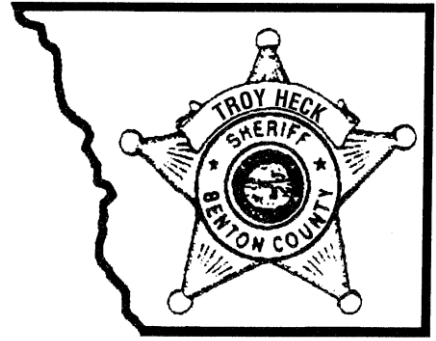
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Troy Heck, Sheriff
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PRESS RELEASE

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AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK

On Saturday, July 27th the Benton County Sheriff's Office arrested two men for burglarizing a storage shed, threatening a man with a flare gun, possessing suspected methamphetamine, and possessing counterfeit currency. At about 6:30 am on July 27th, the Benton County Sheriff's Office received a call from an employee of Aspen Storage, 4053 5th Ave NE, Sauk Rapids, MN. This employee reported that he had found two men burglarizing a storage locker at this location. The employee reported that he was currently following the suspects in their vehicle. The employee reported that the suspects were driving erratically in an effort to evade him. As the employee was following the suspect vehicle, one of the suspects pointed an object out of the vehicle which made sparks or flares that struck the concrete roadway. The employee reported that he believed the suspects fired this object in an attempt to cause the employee to stop following them. Police officers from Sauk Rapids and Sartell along with Benton County deputies were able to catch up to the suspect vehicle at a gas station in Sauk Rapids near the corner of 2nd Ave N and 18th St N. Michael Alen Thunborg, age 34 of Long Prairie, and Andrew Robert Lind-Behrends, age 24 of Sartell, were found in the suspect vehicle and arrested without incident. Investigating officers searched the suspect vehicle and found property stolen from the storage locker facility, property stolen from a previous storage locker burglary, a flare gun, suspected methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and counterfeit US currency. Thunborg and Lind-Behrends were transported to the Benton County Jail where they are awaiting their first appearance. Benton County detectives are investigating the possibility that these suspects have been involved in other burglaries throughout the area.

Anyone with information about this crime or the suspects is asked to contact the Benton County Sheriff's Office at (320) 968-7201 or Tri-County Crime Stoppers at (800) 255-1301, www.tricountycrimestoppers.org.

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Troy Heck

Benton County Sheriff