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AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK

On April 19th, the Benton County Sheriff's Office recovered a stolen vehicle and arrested two individuals. At about 7:30 am on April 19th, a citizen made contact with a Minnesota State Trooper passing through the Benton County area to report that there was a vehicle parked on the roadside on Halfway Crossing NW in Langola Township that contained two sleeping individuals. This information was relayed to the Benton County Sheriff's Office and investigating deputies were sent to the area of Halfway Crossing NW about 1 ½ miles west of Hwy 10. Upon arriving in the area, deputies found a blue 2005 Ford Escape parked on the side of the road. Inside the vehicle were a man and a woman who were sleeping. Investigating deputies ran the license plate on the vehicle and learned that the vehicle had been reported as stolen to the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department. The occupants of the vehicle identified themselves with names that were later found to be false names. The occupants were placed under arrest for possession of stolen property and transported to the Benton County Jail. At the jail, it was discovered that their correct names were George Fineday III, age 31 no permanent address, and Corina Marie Dudley, age 24 of Bemidji. Back at the scene of the arrest, a search of the stolen vehicle turned up credit cards and identification documents in the name of other individuals, drug paraphernalia, and stolen merchandise. Fineday and Dudley were booked and held at the jail on charges of possession of stolen property and providing a false name to police. The Benton County Sheriff's Office was assisted in this investigation by the Rice Police Department, the Royalton Police Department, and the Minnesota State Patrol.

Troy Heck
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