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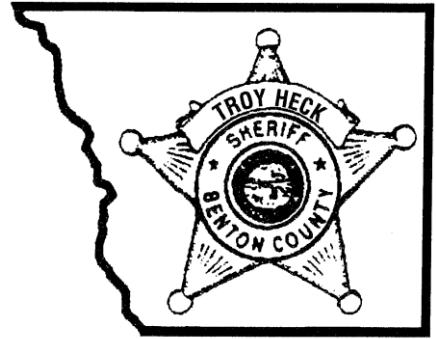**Administrative:** (320) 968-7201 • FAX: (320) 968-6885
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PRESS RELEASE

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AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK

On 08-08-18 at about 10:00 am a Benton County detention officer was assaulted by an inmate. At the time of the assault, the detention officer was in the process of conducting a routine search of the inmate. The inmate punched the detention officer in the head and also injured the detention officer's shoulder. Other jail staff in the area responded to the incident immediately and subdued the inmate. The detention officer was transported to the St. Cloud Hospital for evaluation of his injuries. As a result of this incident, the Benton County Jail was placed on lockdown for the remainder of the day. Cody Alexander Mann, age 33 of Sauk Rapids, was charged with 3rd Degree Assault and 4th Degree Assault in connection with this incident.

Incidents such as these highlight the difficult and dangerous work performed by detention officers in the Benton County Jail and all other detention facilities in this state. We are very grateful for the quick and effective response of our detention staff that brought this situation to a quick end. The safety of our staff is a top priority and we intend to ensure that those who threaten or assault our staff are held fully accountable for their actions.

Troy Heck
Benton County Sheriff