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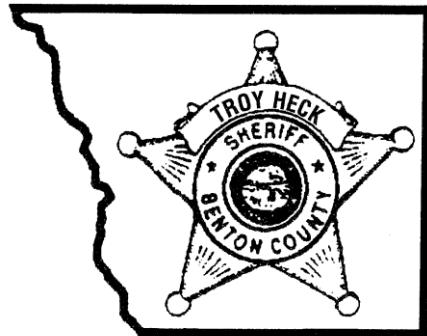
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PRESS RELEASE

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AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK

On October 10th the Benton County Sheriff's Office arrested a man on charges of possession of a controlled substance and fleeing a police officer on foot.

On October 10th at about 8:30 pm a Benton County deputy arrived at an address in the 400 block of 15th Ave SE in the city of St. Cloud to serve civil process to a person. The deputy was aware that a man named J'Shaon Rashi Stevenson, age 22 of St. Cloud, was believed to be residing at this residence. The deputy was aware that Stevenson had active arrest warrants for felony domestic assault by strangulation, possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, and fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle. While attempting service, the deputy observed a man inside the residence, but this man refused to come to the door. Eventually, a woman inside the residence began speaking to the deputy through an open window. The woman refused to allow the deputy to enter the residence and claimed that no one else was in the residence, even though the deputy had just seen a man in the living room. The deputy requested assistance from the St. Cloud Police Department and obtained a photograph of Stevenson. The deputy was able to positively identify the man inside the residence as Stevenson from this photograph. With the assistance of an officer from the St. Cloud Police Department, a perimeter was established around the residence while the deputy worked to obtain additional assistance and supervisor approval to force entry into the residence under the authority of the arrest warrants. As officers awaited additional assistance, the woman inside the residence was seen looking out the back door of the residence in what appeared to be an effort to scan for officers waiting outside. A short time later, the woman emerged from the back of the residence and attempted to distract the officer positioned behind the residence. At the same time, Stevenson fled out the back door of the residence, running toward the Speedway gas station at 600 US Hwy 10 S. The deputy and officer pursued Stevenson on foot. As they neared Speedway both the officer and deputy lost sight of Stevenson concluding that he had hidden himself in or around the Speedway station. The area was searched and Stevenson was found hiding inside a dumpster at the Speedway station. Stevenson was arrested without incident and searched incident to arrest. During the search, officers found cash, about 1 gram of suspected crack cocaine, and about 2.1 grams of suspected marijuana. Stevenson was transported to the Benton County Jail where he is awaiting his initial court appearance on charges of possession of a controlled substance and fleeing a police officer on foot.

The Benton County Sheriff's Office was assisted in this arrest by the St. Cloud Police Department, the Sauk Rapids Police Department, and the Minnesota State Patrol.

Troy Heck
Benton County Sheriff