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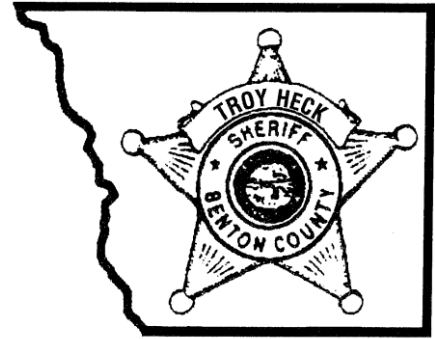
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Troy Heck, Sheriff
Neal Jacobson, Chief Deputy

PRESS RELEASE

DATE: 09/30/2024

AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK

On September 27, 2024 the Benton County Sheriff's Office arrested a man found in possession of controlled substances and a loaded handgun.

At about 5:15 pm on September 27th, the St. Cloud Police Department contacted the Benton County Sheriff's Office regarding a suspect driving a white Chevy Avalanche who had allegedly pointed a gun at another motorist. The suspect was reported to be traveling eastbound on Hwy 23, leaving the city of St. Cloud. Benton County deputies and Sauk Rapids Police officers arrived in the area and began watching for the suspect vehicle. A vehicle matching the suspect vehicle's description was observed on Hwy 23 near 35th Ave NE traveling above the posted speed limit. Deputies initiated a traffic stop on this vehicle. While attempting to stop the vehicle, officers observed the driver throw an object out the window. Once the vehicle had stopped, deputies contacted the driver, Nicklaus Raynell Miller (age 34 of Zimmerman). Miller advised the investigating deputies that while he was driving in St. Cloud, an occupant in a car had pointed a firearm at him and other vehicles around him. Miller denied having any firearms in his vehicle.

Investigating deputies located the object Miller had thrown from his vehicle. The object was a plastic bag containing a white powder believed to be controlled substances. During a search of Miller's car, investigating deputies located a handgun within a black gun case. Investigating deputies found the handgun had a loaded magazine inserted into the firearm.

Miller was arrested on charges of 5th Degree Controlled Substance Crime and Carrying a Pistol without a Permit. Miller was brought to the Benton County Jail where he is awaiting his initial court appearance.

The Benton County Sheriff's Office was assisted in this investigation by the Sauk Rapids Police Department and the St. Cloud Police Department.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Troy Heck".

Troy Heck

Benton County Sheriff