

Arrest Warrants . . .

Nathan Smith, 41, What Cheer, eluding-speed over 25 over limit, and possession of a controlled substance-methamphetamine-first offense.

Dennis Willard, 64, Olin, assault causing bodily injury or mental illness, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence-third or subsequent offense, and possession of a controlled substance-third of subsequent offense.

Luis Verdejo Ruiz, 44, Tipton, sex offender-registration violation-second or subsequent offense.

Kevin Blinks, 37, Mechanicsville, contempt-violation of no contact/protective order (3) and domestic abuse assault-injury or mental illness.

Driver Taken to Hospital Following SUV-Deer Accident

Makya Brimeyer, 22, Iowa City, was taken to University hospitals in Iowa City by private vehicle after she swerved to miss deer on 210th Street in Cedar county and crashed in the south ditch at 5:30 a.m. Jan. 18.

The sheriff's office said Brimeyer was eastbound in the 1100 block of 210 Street, swerved to miss the deer and ran off the road to the right. She overcorrected and then swerved to the left before overcorrecting again, going into the south ditch and rolling.

Damage to the 2015 Nissan Rogue was estimated at \$15,000.

Vehicle Strikes Deer On Harding Avenue

David Godber, 62, Marion, escaped injury when the car he was driving struck a deer on Harding Avenue (X-40) at 7:10 a.m. Jan. 20.

The Cedar county sheriff's office said Godber was southbound on Harding Avenue near Green Road when the accident occurred.

Damage to the 2018 Ford Fusion was estimated at \$2,500.

Tipton Man Charged With Driving While Barred

Shawn Lurkins, 56, Tipton, was charged with driving while barred, driving while license

under suspension and driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled or revoked at 10:45 a.m. Jan. 21 on Delta Avenue, rural Tipton.

Deputy Sheriff Jeff Smith observed Lurkin driving a black Chevrolet truck and knew that he was barred and suspended due to prior conversations with him.

A records check showed that he was barred from driving from March 22, 2025 to March 21, 2027 and also had 18 suspensions for non-payment of Iowa fines between March 19, 2015 and Jan. 20, 2026.

Lurkins was unable to provide DOT form 431009 to make his driver's license valid and he did not have required SR insurance on file.

Two Vehicle Accident at South Madison and Hwy 30

A car-truck accident at 5:45 p.m. Jan. 22 at South Madison Street and highway 30 in Mechanicsville resulted in suspected minor injuries to two people.

The Cedar county sheriff's office said Elaynnah Beaman, 19 and Adryannah Beaman, 13, were taken to St. Luke's hospital in Cedar Rapids by the Mechanicsville ambulance.

Elaynnah Beaman was eastbound on highway 30 behind another vehicle operated by Sean Poduska, 36, Mechanicsville. Poduska said he was attempting a left turn from highway 30 onto South Madison. There was a train going across South Madison and Poduska was attempting to stop on South Madison to wait for the train to pass. The Beaman vehicle continued to drive straight ahead, striking the Poduska vehicle on the front left side.

Beaman said she witnessed Poduska briefly turn into the right turn lane before turning left, but he disputed that claim. Both vehicles were disabled and towed from the scene.

Damage to the 2014 Hyundai Elantra operated by Beaman

was estimated at \$10,000.

Damage to the 2022 Chevrolet Silverado truck operated by Poduska was also estimated at \$10,000.

Estimated \$35,000 Damage In Two Vehicle Accident

A Tipton man was taken to University hospitals in Iowa City with potentially serious injuries following a two vehicle accident at 9:40 a.m. Jan. 24 near 1029 highway 38.

Robert Bird, 68, was transported by Tipton ambulance.

The Cedar county sheriff's office said Bird was northbound and making a U-turn on highway 38 and drove into the path of a southbound vehicle operated by Bobbie Lieser, 44, Tipton.

Bird was charged with unsafe turn or failure to give signal. Damage to the 2013 Toyota he was driving was estimated at \$15,000.

Damage to the 2013 Chevrolet Suburban operated by Lieser was estimated at \$10,000.

Bennett Man Charged With Public Intoxication

Richlen Harmel, 25, Bennett,

was charged with public intoxication at 2 p.m. Jan. 25 at 711 East South Street, Tipton.

Deputy Sheriff Cory Barclay said Harmel arrived at sheriff's office lobby to serve a three-day sentence. Corrections officers said he had unsteady balance, slurred speech, red and blood-

shot eyes, and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage. Barclay said he observed the same things.

The deputy asked Harmel to take a preliminary breath test and he refused. He also refused field sobriety testing.



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