

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.

Mechanicsville Man Is Charged With Drunk Driving

Scott Kasik, 63, Mechanicsville, was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence and speeding at 2:19 a.m. Jan. 30 at Indian Avenue and highway 30 in Cedar county.

Deputy Sheriff Tyler Scott said Kasik was speeding 73 mph in a 55 mph zone and showed signs of impairment when he was stopped. He said he had bloodshot watery eyes, slurred speech, impaired balance and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage.

Scott said Kasik failed two standardized field sobriety tests and refused a preliminary breath test. He was arrested and taken to the Cedar county jail in Tipton. A breath test at the jail was over the legal limit.

Charge Tipton Woman With Burglary, Possession

Aubrey Gradert, 35, Tipton, was charged with burglary in the third degree and possession of a controlled substance-marijuana- following an incident at 8:31 p.m. Jan. 30 at 854 175th Street, Mechanicsville.

Deputy Sheriff Tyler Scott said Gradert entered a shed on the property without permission and while on the property took multiple items, including a backpack. Scott said Gradert told deputies that she had plans of taking the items before she left the property and decided not to before leaving. He said she then opened a car that was on the property and put the items inside. She was captured on security camera footage by the people that owned the property. He said Gradert left the property without taking the items.

Scott said the homeowners located Gradert and called 911. Deputies arrived and confronted her about the incident. Scott said she admitted entering the residence without permission.

The deputy located a glass vial containing a green leafy substance in Gradert's vehicle in plain view. He said it had

an odor of marijuana and also contained a white crystal-like substance. He said she also admitted having what she thought were CBD gummies, which were located inside the car. They had a label that said, "10 individual infused 40 mg piece THC gummies."

Vehicle Damaged After Striking Raccoon at Intersection

Damage to a 2019 Ford Edge that struck a raccoon at 6 a.m. Feb. 2 at the intersection of 290th Street and Taylor Avenue in Cedar county was estimated at \$1,500.

The sheriff's office said Daniel Campbell, 37, Muscatine, was eastbound on 290th when his vehicle struck the animal.

Des Moines Man Charged With Second Offense OWI

Tyler Jaschke, 37, Des Moines, was charged with his second offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence at 11:53 a.m. Feb. 4 on Interstate 80, about one mile west of the Atalissa interchange.

Trooper Blaine Smith said Jaschke was driving a blue 2018 Audi in the westbound lanes and was stopped for having dark windows.

While speaking with the Des Moines man, Smith said he could smell a strong odor of alcohol coming from the passenger compartment of the vehicle and from Jaschke. He also had watery, bloodshot eyes and slurred speech.

Inside the vehicle Smith found a Bud Light tallboy that was almost empty and another cold, unopened can under the driver's seat.

Standardized field sobriety tests indicated that Jaschke was over the legal limit for alcohol. A preliminary breath test was over the legal limit.

He was arrested and taken to

the Cedar county jail in Tipton. He was also charged with having an open container and a tinted window violation.

Charge Tipton Man With Public Intoxication

Spencer Mullett, 33, Tipton, was charged with public intoxication at 6:17 p.m. Feb. 5 at the intersection of Cedar and Fourth streets in Tipton.

Officer William Wagner received a call about a man who was acting belligerent and running around with a traffic cone. Mullett was identified by the officer as the person he had interacted with about one hour and 15 minutes earlier.

Wagner said Mullett had slurred speech, bloodshot watery eyes, and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage. An open container with an alcohol label on it and a liquid inside was found on Mullett.

He was given an opportunity to take a preliminary breath test and refused.

The officer also talked to a witness who had encountered Mullett. That person said Mullett was aggressive toward him.

The Tipton man was arrested and taken to the Cedar county jail.

Sentence Marion Man For Assault Causing Injury

Jason Waddell, 45, Marion, was sentenced to 180 days in the Cedar county jail on each of three counts of assault causing bodily injury or mental illness on Feb. 6 in district court. However, all but 30 days on each count were suspended and were to be served concurrently.

Waddell was also fined \$430 on each count, with a criminal penalty surcharge of 15% on each fine.

He was placed on supervised probation for two years to the Seventh Judicial District Department of Corrections.

Waddell had previously been charged with one count of will-

ful injury-causing bodily injury, theft in the third degree and three counts of assault causing bodily injury or mental illness.

He pleaded guilty to the three counts of assault.

The Marion man was originally charged with theft in the third degree at 7:03 p.m. Oct. 29, 2024 following an incident at 400 Ball Street in Clarence.

Deputy Sheriff Jay Johnson said Waddell took possession of an iPhone 15 Pro cellphone from an individual. It was val-

ued at \$999.99 and was found in a dumpster.



Tipton Lion's Club Drive-Thru
Wed., March 25, 2026
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Lions Club House
Cedar Co. Fairgrounds
 Tenderloin, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Baked Beans and Dessert
 Drive-Thru: \$12
 Delivered in Tipton: \$15
 Two lanes for Drive-Thru pick up
 Proceeds go to Tipton Lions Projects & Tipton Community Club
 Advance Tickets available from any Tipton Lions Club member however advance tickets are not required
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Knights of Columbus Catfish Meal
Friday, March 27, 2026
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
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Catfish Meal \$17
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