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News Release

Arrest(s):

Date of Arrest: January 31, 2019

Time of Arrest: 1657 Hrs

Location of Arrest: 7th Ave and 6th St SE

Name	Address	Charge	Age
1. Gabriel Verbeski	515 Water St Sioux City, IA 51103	Felony Eluding, Speed 100 mph in a 45mph, Reckless driving and FTO Stop Sign Warrants from Woodbury Co. and State of Iowa	30
2. Chase Riessen	515 Water St Sioux City, IA 51103	Interference with Official Acts Warrant From Woodbury Co. and State of Iowa	28
3. Holly VandHoef	1249 7th Ave SE Le Mars, IA 51031	Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to deliver and Fail to have a drug tax stamp	27

On January 31st, 2019, Le Mars officers received information of a vehicle pursuit which had occurred in Sioux City. The vehicle was possibly last seen traveling North on K-22 into Plymouth County. Officers were alerted to the fact, the occupants of the vehicle had multiple felony warrants for their arrest. The vehicle was described as a black Ford Ranger, with Minnesota plates. The occupants of the Ford Ranger have documented ties to Le Mars. An officer observed a vehicle that seemed to be traveling at a high rate of speed traveling Northbound, in the 2100 blk 7th Ave SE. Radar indicated the vehicle was traveling 100-mph in a 45-mph zone. As the vehicle got closer, officers determined the vehicle was the suspect vehicle in question. The suspect vehicle continued to flee Northbound on 7th Ave SE and continued to travel through parts of the Southeast quadrant of Le Mars, as officers engaged to pursue. After approximately a six-minute pursuit, the vehicle came to a stop in the 600 block of Grandview Ave SE. Two male subjects fled the scene on foot, while a female occupant remained in the vehicle. After a brief foot pursuit, the two male subjects were taken into custody. The female occupant was detained on scene without further incident.

Verbeski was identified as the driver. Along with various traffic charges, Verbeski was also arrested for a State of Iowa mittimus and warrants from Woodbury County. Riessen was arrested for a State of Iowa mittimus and warrants from Woodbury County. Additionally, Riessen was charged with interference with official acts for his role in the incident. Vandhoef was found to be in possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver and failed to have a State of Iowa drug tax stamp. All three subjects were transported to the Plymouth County Jail.

The incident remains under investigation.

The Le Mars Police Department was assisted by the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office and the Le Mars Fire Department.