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Three arrested on federal marijuana charges

A high speed chase in Hoopeston Monday ended with the arrest of three men on federal drug charges.

Arrested were Guadalupe Martinez, Jr., 26, of Rankin, Reynaldo Flores, 49, of Alamo, Tex., and Pablo Cantu Carr, 36, of Edenburg, Tex.

All were charged with conspiracy to distribute marijuana, a federal offense.

According to a press release from the Vermilion County Metropolitan Enforcement Group (VMEG), the men were arrested after a high speed chase that reached speeds in excess of 115 m.p.h.

According to the release, the men stopped only after their vehicle struck a utility pole.

Police allegedly seized 526 pounds of mari-

juana, with an estimated street value of more than \$750,000. Also seized were a 1992 Chevrolet Blazer and \$10, 908 in cash.

Martinez, Flores and Carr appeared in Danville federal court Tuesday. All were held without bond.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Thursday at the federal courthouse.

If convicted, the men face five to 40 years in jail, or 10 years to life with prior convictions.

VMEG is a drug enforcement group comprised of the Danville, Vermilion County and Illinois State police departments.

The group worked in conjunction with U.S. Customs, Illinois State Police Task Force X and the Hoopeston Police Department.

Rossville hires second part-time police officer

Rossville officials have hired a second part-time police officer.

Mark Gouty began his duties last week.

Gouty, 35, has spent the last 10 years working as a corrections officer. He spent five years at the Pontiac prison and has spent the last five years at the Danville Correctional Center.

The new officer is certified in firearms, CPR, first aid, sky- and scuba-diving and is a member of the prison's tactical team.

"I've always wanted to be a police officer," Gouty said. "I've always like the good guys. I was hoping the Department of Corrections would lead to law enforcement. This is a start."

Gouty's interest in law enforcement comes from

a lifetime of wanting to help, which he said makes him feel good. "That's better than jumping out of an airplane - that smile on somebody's face when you've helped somebody out," he said.

Keeping residents safe is Gouty's top priority. "Big cities have big problems. Small towns don't - and they want to keep it that way," he said, adding he plans on giving the village "150 percent."

"It's a good feeling knowing that a little town depends on you to keep them safe," he said.

Gouty joins Lee Ann Pugsley, who was also hired as a part-time officer.

Police chief Paul DeWitt said he received 39 applications for the openings.

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Joseph Cannon, Hoopeston, total 83 hours public service work, converted back to fine, continued to June 2 for payment.

Allen Shumate, Rankin, 155 hours public service work, 133 hours completed, continued to June 2 for completion.

William Drollinger, Hoopeston, driving under the influence, concentration level over .10, leaving the scene of an accident, improper lane usage, continued in Danville.

Kristoffer Jenkins, Hoopeston, reckless driving, \$95.



Police News



Dale I. Mosier, 400 block of South Third St., told police Monday that someone entered a Peterbilt tractor and stole a six-inch television and a set of headphones. Police are investigating.

John A. Stephenson, 710 S. Sixth Ave., reported Monday that someone took a tire, lures and other fishing equipment from his 1977 Chevrolet van. Police are investigating.

Police are investigating three reports of thefts from autos from Rayls Brothers Trucking on Route 9.

Stolen items include CBs, radar detectors.

AM/FM cassette radio, whip antenna, Dirt Devil antenna, load lock, nine-inch television, handheld scanner, laminated maps, alarm clock and extension speakers.

The thefts were reported Monday.

Edwin L. Garrigus, 52, of 740 E. Main, was ticketed for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle following an accident at 5:55 p.m. Monday.

According to police reports, a vehicle driven by Timothy E. Coon, 431 E. Main, was stopped at East Main and Market, waiting for Garrigus to go through the intersection. Garrigus and Coon both began to turn when Garrigus stopped and was struck by Coon's vehicle.

Robin Robinson, 822 S. Third St., reported Monday that someone took a picnic table from her back yard. Police are investigating.

A set of keys on a rink with a name tag "Dawn" was found Tuesday on the 300 block of South Third St. The owner may claim them at the police station.

Edwin L. Garrigus, 52, 740 E. Main, was arrested Tuesday, charged with disorderly conduct, on a complaint from Officer James Goodrum of the Hoopeston Police Department. Garrigus was released on a notice to appear.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

May 26, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

May 27, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Willie Mae Leslie, Nadine Longfellow and Zachary Odle, all of Hoopeston.

May 28, 1994

Admitted: Nadine Odle, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Harold Michael, Hoopeston.

May 29, 1994

Admitted: Michael Dunavan, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

May 30, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Nadine Odle, Hoopeston; Robert Moore, Rossville.

Weather



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