

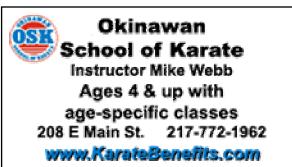
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Officers injured, cannabis found after police chase suspects

Two Danville men are in the Public Safety Building in Danville after leading police on a chase that resulted in the recovery of nearly 20 lbs. of cannabis and injuries to a Hoopeston officer and auxiliary officer.

Police executed a traffic stop at 12:19 a.m. Saturday in the 1000 block of West Orange. Both the driver, Benjamin F. Hillsman, 33, and Keionna AG Cottrell, 21, produced their driver's licenses. Hillman then put the car in gear and fled at a high rate of speed. The officer returned to his squad car and pursued south on Rt. 1 through Rossville, continuing southbound.

As both approached County Road 2650 North, the vehicle attempted to pass a southbound Greyhound bus and pulled in front of a northbound pickup truck. Both the vehicle and squad car left the roadway and ran into the ditch on the east side of the highway.

The squad car struck a tree on the driver's side and was inoperable. The vehicle recovered and continued south on Route 1. It was later stopped near Poland Road in Danville by Danville and Vermilion County police and the men taken into custody.

Meanwhile, officers later located a large package the men allegedly threw from the vehicle just south of Hoopeston. The package contained 8.7 kilograms (19.2 lbs.) of suspected cannabis.

Both men are facing preliminary charges of possession of cannabis over 5,000 grams, possession with intent to deliver and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Additionally, Hillsman was charged with aggravated fleeing and eluding and reckless driving.

The officer and auxiliary officer were treated and releases from Carle Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

In other police news:

Lucas E. Neal, 29, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 1:25 a.m. Thursday in the 300 block of

West Washington. He was charged with domestic violence on a complaint from a 35-year-old Hoopeston woman and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

A 40-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 11:37 a.m. Thursday that someone took money and prescription medication from her home in the 400 block of North Eighth Ave.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:52 a.m. Thursday at 406 E. Chestnut. Police said Lukasz A. Wojtaszek, in a 2013 Freightliner semi, leased to Penske Trucking, drove down the alley and pulled down a telephone drop line and siding from the home.

Zacaria C. Sage, 25, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a disturbance at 4:49 p.m. at Uptown Lounge, 306 E. Main. He was charged with disorderly conduct under state statute and was released on a recognizance bond with a date in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Clinton B. Schneider, 41, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 1:32 a.m. Saturday at East Orange and Fifth St.

Police said Schneider was riding in a truck with a 53-year-old Hoopeston man when Schneider allegedly became agitated and allegedly hit the windshield twice, shattering it, then battering the man. The man stopped and got out of the truck to escape being battered. Schneider then allegedly slid into the driver's seat and drove off in the truck.

Both Schneider and the truck were later found at Scheider's rural Hoopeston home, where Schneider was arrested on preliminary charges of aggravated battery, theft over \$300 (motor vehicle, and criminal damage to property over \$300. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

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Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 9:25 p.m. to an activated carbon monoxide detector at Parkview Court. No illness or injuries were reported at the time of the call.

Court Dispositions



August 1, 2013

Starla Casner, Rossville, pleaded guilty to disobeying police, fined \$280 or 34 hours public service work; status hearing October 3.

Police continued from other side

Bradley E. Thompson, 25, and Tasha L. Uppinghouse, 22, both of Hoopeston, were arrested after police were called at 8:53 p.m. Saturday to a disturbance in the 300 block of North Eighth Ave. Each was charged with

Weather



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Obituaries

LANE - Loretta J. (Christiansen) Lane, 84, of Springfield, formerly of Rankin, died April 20, 2013 in Grapevine, Tex. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Rankin Union Cemetery. Knapp Funeral Home, Rankin, is in charge of arrangements.

STEPHENS - Lula M. Stephens, 92, of Ambia, ind., died at 1:10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7 at Heritage Health

Care, Hoopeston. Arrangements are pending at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home.

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