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Subject: Arrest

On 02-23-14 at approximately 11:30am hours, Police Officer Stuart Fricke was on patrol when he observed a suspicious male in the area of Sixth Avenue and Center Street. Officers Fricke and Police Officer Rod See made contact with the individual and conducted a field interview. Officers observed part of an edged weapon protruding from the individual's pants pocket. In running a check of this individual for any outstanding warrants, it was learned the individual had an outstanding warrant in another county. Officers checked for other weapons and in doing so discovered a locked portable safe that was fastened with a steel cord over the individual's shoulder and hidden under the individual's coat. At that point the individual was detained by Officers and brought to the Grinnell Police Department for further investigation.

Officers developed probable cause to believe the safe contained illegal drugs and therefore a drug sniffing dog was summoned and brought over to assist from the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. Based on further investigation by the Grinnell Police Officers as well as the drug sniffing K-9, a search warrant was obtained for the locked portable safe. Upon execution of the search warrant, Police found what they believe to be illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia.

As a result of this investigation, Grinnell Police have charged Shane A. Johnson Sr., age 36, of Marshalltown with the following:

Third Offense Possession of Marijuana, an Aggravated Misdemeanor
Third Offense Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class D Felony
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a Simple Misdemeanor

A criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. Johnson was processed at the Grinnell Police Department and then taken to the Poweshiek County Jail where he is currently being held pending his initial appearance.

Assisting Grinnell Police Officers Stuart Fricke and Rod See was Grinnell Police Investigator Fred Foreman and Jasper County Sheriff's Deputy Jeremy Burdt and his K-9 "Nuke".

Police Sergeant Christopher Wray

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