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MEDIA RELEASE
RE: Vehicle Theft Arrest

On January 15, 2019, Detective Ben Smith began an investigation into the theft of an electrical contractors van from the 1200 block of West Street. At the time of theft, which took place during the overnight hours, the van was unlocked with the ignition keys in the vehicle. The vehicle also contained trade supplies. On January 17, 2019 the stolen van was located northeast of Grinnell on 370th Avenue. Detective Smith responded to 370th Avenue and processed the scene. It was determined that supplies had been removed from the van.

Based on Detective Smith's investigation, which included interviews and the submission of evidence, collected during the investigation, to the Department of Criminal Investigation lab in Ankeny, Detective Smith applied for arrest warrants on June 2, 2020, on the following charges for Brandon Scott Stevens, age 36 of Grinnell:

- Theft 2nd Degree - Class 'D' Felony
- Theft 1st Degree – Class 'C' Felony

On July 2, 2020 Mr. Stevens was arrested on the court approved warrants and transported to the Poweshiek County Jail. Anyone with any information on this investigation is asked to contact Detective Ben Smith at 641-236-2670 (x3218).

Dennis Reilly
Chief of Police

A criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.