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MEDIA RELEASE (Officer Ben Smith Homecoming)

The Grinnell Police Department is proud to announce the unexpected early homecoming of Officer Ben Smith. Officer Smith deployed to Kosovo in September of 2020 with the Iowa Army National Guard, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, based out of Boone, IA, in support of Kosovo Force NATO mission. Ben has been accepted to attend Officers Candidate School (OCS), at Camp Dodge, Regional Training Institute. His acceptance into this challenging and prestigious school allowed him to return home early to make preparations. Ben not only surprised the PD, but his wife and two step children as well, surprising them unannounced upon his return.

Ben has been in law enforcement for five years, with the last three years here in Grinnell. He became one of our criminal investigators in 2020, a position much needed by the PD as most of our investigators were busy with the Michael Williams Homicide investigation. His other assignments with the PD include Glock Armorer, Firearms Instructor, school security assessor, and a member of the Central Iowa Regional Tactical Team (CIRTT). He is currently working on his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice through Purdue Global.

We are incredibly thankful for his safe return home and look forward to having him back at the PD and serving the citizens of Grinnell. Welcome Home Ben!!!!

Michael A. McClelland
Chief of Police

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