



# ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: September 17, 2014 INCIDENT TIME: 11:00AM

INCIDENT LOCATION: Northern St. Louis County

INDIVIDUAL(S) INVOLVED: (Refer to News Media Policy-Rules III A. 1 Thru 4: Procedures B.1, A thru J & 1; 2b; 3b; g & h; 4a, b, & c)

Name: See attached sheets Age: Address:

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## INCIDENT SUMMARY:

Numerous investigations involving the Boundary Waters Drug Task Force were concluded over the past several months, which have resulted in (9) individuals being charged with various offenses in Northern St. Louis County District Courts. See the attached sheets for further information.

## ASSISTING AGENCIES:

AUTHORITY: Sgt. Robert Tarr DATE : 09/17/2014 TIME: 11:00AM

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

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NAME: Tara Lea Waldvogel AGE: 27 ADDRESS: Keewatin, MN

NAME: Stephanie Ann Strand AGE: 35 ADDRESS: Calumet, MN

On July 28, 2014, Waldvogel and Strand were both formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Hibbing, MN with one felony count each of 1st degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) as a result of an investigation by the BWDTF. Waldvogel's next court appearance has been set for September 18, 2014 in Hibbing, MN. Strand's next scheduled court appearance has been set for September 25, 2014 in Hibbing, MN.

NAME: Suzann Joan Zidich AGE: 31 ADDRESS: Hibbing, MN

On August 4, 2014, Zidich was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Hibbing, MN with two felony counts of 5th degree Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) and Store Methamphetamine Paraphernalia in the Presence of a Child as a result of an investigation by the BWDTF. The Hibbing Police Department and St. Louis County Sheriff's Office in Hibbing assisted with the investigation. Zidich's next scheduled court appearance has been set for October 9, 2014 in Hibbing, MN.

NAME: Justin Dean Stauffer AGE: 32 ADDRESS: Unknown

NAME: Teelyn Tristin Minkel AGE: 21 ADDRESS: Hibbing, MN

On August 8, 2014, Stauffer was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Hibbing, MN with one Gross Misdemeanor count of Obstructing the Legal Process with Force or Violence as a result of an arrest by the BWDTF. Stauffer was wanted for an active Department of Corrections warrant at the time of his arrest. The Hibbing Police Department and St. Louis County Sheriff's Office in Hibbing assisted with the arrest. Stauffer's next scheduled court appearance is set for September 22, 2014 in Hibbing, MN. Minkel was issued a citation for misdemeanor Obstructing the Legal Process. Her next scheduled court appearance has been set for September 29, 2014 in Hibbing, MN.

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NAME: Brock Howard Jensen AGE: 17 ADDRESS: Hibbing, MN

On August 8, 2014, Jensen was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Hibbing, MN with one felony count of 2nd degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) in a Public Housing Zone as a result of an investigation by the BWDTF. The Hibbing Police Department and MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension assisted in the investigation. Jensen's next scheduled court appearance has been set for September 23, 2014 in Hibbing, MN.

NAME: Aaron Jerome Olson AGE: 29 ADDRESS: Hibbing, MN

On August 26, 2014, Olson was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Hibbing, MN with one felony count of 5th degree Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) and two misdemeanor traffic offenses (Fail to Obey Stop Sign and Failure to Use Turn Signal) as a result of an investigation by the BWDTF. Olson's next scheduled court appearance has been set for October 9, 2014 in Hibbing, MN.

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NAME: Martell Anthony Kinard AGE: 32 ADDRESS: Eveleth, MN

NAME: Alicia Nicole Cooper AGE: 21 ADDRESS: Eveleth, MN

On September 16, 2014, Kinard and Cooper were both formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Virginia, MN after a two month investigation by the BWDTF. Kinard and Cooper were both arrested on September 12, 2014 in Eveleth, MN.

As a result of this investigation, over 7 ounces of Heroin were seized with an approximate street value of \$40,000. Kinard was charged with three felony counts of 1st degree Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell (Heroin), 1st degree Possession of a Controlled Substance (Heroin) and 2nd degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Heroin). Cooper was charged with one felony count of 1st degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Heroin). The Eveleth Police Department, Arrowhead Regional Corrections (Probation) and St. Louis County Sheriff's Office in Virginia assisted in the investigation. The court set bail at \$75,000 on Kinard and \$50,000 on Cooper. Kinard and Cooper's next scheduled court appearances are both set for October 6, 2014 in Virginia, MN.

BWDTF has seen an increase in the amount of Heroin across the Iron Range area since the Fall of 2012. This case is one of the larger seizures of Heroin in the task force area.

BWDTF urges citizens to contact the BWDTF in the Virginia area at 218-749-7187 and in the Hibbing area at 218-262-0178 if they have any questions or concerns about drug activity in their area.

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