



ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: February 4, 2014 INCIDENT TIME: 10:00 AM
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 narcotics investigations involving the Boundary Waters Drug Task Force were concluded over the past several months, which have resulted in (16) individuals being charged with various narcotics offenses in Northern St. Louis County District Courts. See the attached sheets for further information.

ASSISTING AGENCIES:

AUTHORITY: Sgt. Robert Tarr DATE : 02/04/2104 TIME: 10:00 AM

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NAME: Deonta Lamar Ferguson AGE: 25 ADDRESS: Virginia, MN

On December 13, 2013, Ferguson was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Virginia, MN with one felony count of 4th degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Prescription Medication) as a result of an investigation conducted by the BWDTF. His next scheduled court appearance is February 19, 2014 in Virginia.

NAME: Dustin Michael Scherfenberg AGE: 30 ADDRESS: Hoyt Lakes, MN
NAME: Anna Marie Kuopus AGE: 25 ADDRESS: Hoyt Lakes, MN
NAME: Kevin Paul Simonsen AGE: 41 ADDRESS: Hoyt Lakes, MN

On January 6, 2014, Scherfenberg was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Virginia, MN with one felony count of 5th degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Marijuana) and one Gross Misdemeanor count of Child Endangerment. His next court appearance is February 7, 2014 in Virginia. On January 6, 2014, Simonsen was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Virginia with one felony count of Conspiracy to Commit Sale of Marijuana in the 5th degree. His next court appearance is set for February 7, 2014 in Virginia. On January 9, 2014 Kuopus was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Virginia, MN with one Gross Misdemeanor count of Child Endangerment. Her next court appearance is set for February 14, 2014 in Virginia. The BWDTF was assisted by the Hoyt Lakes Police Department.

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NAME: Mark Arthur Locken AGE: 35 ADDRESS: Hoyt Lakes, MN

On January 8, 2014, Locken was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Virginia, MN with one felony count of 1st degree Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell (Methamphetamine), one felony count of 1st degree Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), and one felony count of 3rd degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) as a result of an investigation conducted by the BWDTF. The Hoyt Lakes Police Department and Aurora Sheriff's Office assisted in the investigation. His next scheduled court appearance is February 19, 2014 in Virginia.

NAME: Thomas Edward Carvelli AGE: 43 ADDRESS: Eveleth, MN

On January 24, 2014, Carvelli was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Virginia, MN with one felony count of 1st degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) and one felony count of 2nd degree Sales of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) as a result of an investigation conducted by the BWDTF. His next scheduled court appearance is February 19, 2014 in Virginia.

NAME: Joseph Duane Johnson AGE: 17 ADDRESS: Gilbert, MN

On January 29, 2014, Johnson was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Virginia, MN with one felony count of Sale of a Simulated Controlled Substance as a result of an investigation conducted by the BWDTF. His next scheduled court appearance is February 20, 2014 in Virginia.

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NAME: Richard John Neumann Jr. AGE: 28 ADDRESS: Virginia, MN

On January 31, 2014, Neumann was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Virginia, MN with one felony count of 3rd degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) as a result of an investigation by the BWDTF. His most recent court appearance occurred on February 3, 2014 in Virginia.

NAME: Wilbur Clyde Gahagan AGE: 65 ADDRESS: Eveleth, MN

On January 31, 2014, Gahagan was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Virginia, MN with one felony count of 3rd degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) as a result of an investigation by the BWDTF. His next scheduled court appearance is February 21, 2014 in Virginia.

NAME: Jeffrey Wayne Gysbers AGE: 44 ADDRESS: Chisago City, MN

On January 23, 2014, Gysbers was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Duluth, MN with one felony count of 1st degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) as a result of an investigation conducted by the BWDTF. The Lake Superior Drug & Violent Crime Task Force assisted in the investigation. His next scheduled court appearance is February 19, 2014 in Duluth.

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NAME: Timothy Patrick Bauer Jr. AGE: 20 ADDRESS: Chisholm, MN

On December 11, 2013, Bauer was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Hibbing, MN with one felony count of 2nd degree Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell (Heroin) as a result of an investigation by the BWDTF. The Hibbing Sheriff's Office assisted in the investigation. His next scheduled court appearance is February 20, 2014 in Hibbing.

NAME: Joel Adam Gangl AGE: 33 ADDRESS: Nashwauk, MN

On December 23, 2013, Gangl was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Hibbing, MN with one felony count of 3rd degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) as a result of an investigation by the BWDTF. His next scheduled court appearance is February 13, 2014 in Hibbing.

NAME: Derrick Renard Weaver AGE: 40 ADDRESS: Hibbing, MN

On December 23, 2013, Weaver was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Hibbing, MN with one felony count of 1st degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Cocaine & Crack Cocaine) as a result of an investigation by the BWDTF. His next scheduled court appearance is February 13, 2014 in Hibbing.

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NAME: Alice Elaine Hartnell AGE: 47 ADDRESS: Hibbing, MN

On January 8, 2014, Hartnell was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Hibbing, MN with one felony count of 3rd degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) as a result of an investigation by the BWDTF. Her next scheduled court appearance is February 6, 2014 in Hibbing.

NAME: Robert Allen Sjerven AGE: 20 ADDRESS: Hibbing, MN

On January 28, 2014, Sjerven was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Hibbing, MN with one felony count of 4th degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Prescription Medications) as a result of an investigation by the BWDTF. His next scheduled court appearance is February 13, 2014 in Hibbing.

NAME: Braden Jay Olson AGE: 19 ADDRESS: Hibbing, MN

On January 31, 2014, Olson was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Hibbing, MN with one felony count of 3rd degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Prescription Medication) as a result of an investigation by the BWDTF. His next scheduled court appearance is February 6, 2014 in Hibbing.

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