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In the month of February, the Lee County Sheriff's Office logged 751 calls for service.

As far as notable calls for the month, the following incidents occurred...

During the evening of February 5<sup>th</sup>, the Sauk Valley area received a blowing snowfall, and the roadways became very slick. Between 8:50 p.m. and 1:05 a.m. on February 6<sup>th</sup>, law enforcement responded to over 15 traffic accidents in that span of time. Several of the accidents were personal injury in nature with the bulk of the injury accidents being on I-39.

On February 9<sup>th</sup> (Superbowl Sunday) at approximately 7:46 p.m., Dixon Police Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle with a suspected impaired driver. The vehicle would not come to a complete stop and was driving very erratically. The vehicle pulled into several private parking lots and conducted numerous U-turns on Galena Avenue with fully marked squads having lights and sirens activated behind it. Lee County Sheriff's Deputies responded to assist Dixon Police Officers with the situation. During the unpredictable and outlandish tour, the driver had the audacity to call 911 with squads behind them to report that they were being followed by police. Telecommunicators told the driver several times to pull over and cooperate. The driver refused and terminated the call. A Lee County Deputy was able to set up ahead of the vehicle and to deploy Stop Sticks near the intersection of Galena Avenue and Fellows Street. Stop Sticks are a tire deflation system that law enforcement agencies utilize to stop a fleeing vehicle. The Deputy was able to hit all four tires of the vehicle as it proceeded north on Galena Avenue. The vehicle continued traveling northbound as the tires from it began disintegrating into pieces. Ultimately, the vehicle was driving on its rims as it continued north out of Dixon on Illinois Route 26. The speed of the vehicle and trailing deputies was in the 25 to 30 mile per hour range. The vehicle continued north past Woosung when a deputy used their push bumper to guide the vehicle off the roadway. The driver was taken into custody and identified as 34-year-old Aiden Ellingson of Minnesota. He was subsequently transported to OSF Saint Katharine where he was admitted for his inebriated state. He was cited and charged with Aggravated Fleeing or Attempting to

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Elude a Police Officer and Reckless Driving. Further charges are pending once toxicology results are received. Pursuant to pretrial release conditions, he was issued a court date of March 19<sup>th</sup>.

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, David Sosa took a negotiated plea of 40-years in the Department of Corrections on charges of First-Degree Murder for the death of 16-year-old Jaedyn Hill. The investigation started on October 15<sup>th</sup> at approximately 7:04 a.m., when the Sheriff's Office received a call from the Rochelle Police Department regarding a subject that walked into their lobby. The subject identified as 17-year-old David Sosa advised he was involved in the murder of his girlfriend. Rochelle Police obtained the address in Ashton, and Lee County Deputies conducted a welfare check. The body of Jaedyn Hill was located inside the apartment. Through the investigation, it was learned that Sosa and Hill resided at the apartment, and they were in a dating relationship. An autopsy was conducted, and the preliminary cause of death was ruled as strangulation. After consultation with the Lee County State's Attorney's Office, charges were filed alleging four counts of First-Degree Murder against 17-year-old David Sosa. The charges against Sosa were filed as an adult and they carried a sentencing range of 20 to 60 years in the Department of Corrections. A detention hearing was held, and Sosa was remanded to the Kane County Juvenile Detention Center since he was 17-years of age at the time of his arrest. Once David Sosa attained the age of 18, he was transferred to the custody of the Lee County Jail. He has since been transferred to the Illinois Department of Corrections.

On the evening of February 25<sup>th</sup>, Lee County Sheriff's Deputies assisted Dixon Police Officers in the apprehension of a subject that had previously been released from the scene of a traffic stop. Dixon Police Officers had conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the parking lot of the Comfort Inn. Seth Anderson, age 33, of Rock Falls was cited and released for No Valid Driver's License and Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. As officers were conducting an inventory of the vehicle prior to it being towed, they discovered a loaded handgun along with a large amount of cannabis and a suspected controlled substance. Additional officers and deputied arrived to the area in an effort to locate Anderson. A Lee County Deputy discovered a locked public restroom in the search for Mr. Anderson. The deputy and officers knocked on the door and called out to Anderson to surrender. Their efforts went unanswered. The deputy had a portable endoscope in his squad that he was able to utilize to peer under the door of the restroom. Seth Anderson was observed crouched down and hiding in the restroom. The deputy then utilized another tool to gain access to the bathroom. Anderson was taken into custody and charged with Armed Violence, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon, Unlawful Possession of Cannabis (500 to 2000 grams), and Possession of a Controlled Substance (Fentanyl). A petition to deny pretrial release was filed by the Lee County State's Attorneys Office. A detention hearing was held and Seth Anderson was ordered to be detained at the Lee County Jail pending further action in Lee County Case Number 25 CF 48.

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**Staffing Update**

From the Corrections Division, we are up to full staffing!

From the Patrol Division, we are at our authorized staffing level but are two deputies short on the schedule. One deputy is currently going through the Law Enforcement Academy at Sauk Valley Community College, and another deputy is still off for a few more months on active-duty service with the military.

From the Telecommunications Division, we are at our authorized staffing level but are three telecommunicators short on the schedule. The replacement telecommunicators have been hired, but they are going through training at this time before they can work on their own. Another telecommunicator has been off on maternity leave with the birth of a child.

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