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# Public Safety and Court Services Committee

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In the month of October, the Lee County Sheriff's Office logged 754 calls for service.

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

On October 1<sup>st</sup> at approximately 10:40 a.m., we received a FLOCK license plate reader (LPR) notification of a stolen vehicle that was traveling northbound on Illinois Route 26 from I-88 in Dixon. The vehicle was a gray 2019 Jeep Compass with Iowa Registration. Lee County Squads along with Dixon Police were advised of the alert. Dixon Police Officers began checking for the vehicle at the gas stations, hotels, and parking lots in the vicinity. The Jeep was observed at a gas pump at Casey's Gas Station, located at 1751 South Galena Avenue. A male subject was observed walking towards the vehicle and he was taken into custody by a Dixon Police Officer. The vehicle was verified as stolen from Cedar Rapids, and the individual was placed under arrest for Unlawful Possession of Stolen Vehicle. The subject that had been taken into custody was identified as 32-year-old Antwan Davis from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A search of his person revealed a bottle of tequila in his waistband. Additional personnel including Lee County Deputies arrived to assist. A second subject was observed inside the gas station that was suspected of being involved. Surveillance video was reviewed, and it was verified that the second subject was actually the driver of the stolen vehicle. He was identified as a 15-year-old juvenile that was also from Cedar Rapids. The surveillance video also showed that Davis had taken the bottle of tequila from Casey's without paying for it. He was additionally charged with Retail Theft. The juvenile was released to the custody of his mother, and Davis was released in accordance with pretrial release provisions of the Illinois SAFE-T Act. The Lee County Case Number against Antwan Davis is 24 CF 251.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> at approximately 7:04 a.m., the Sheriff's Office received a call from the Rochelle Police Department regarding a subject that walked into their lobby. The subject was a 17-year-old male that advised he was involved in a murder. Rochelle Police took the information and provided an address in Ashton. The subject was identified as David J. Sosa of Ashton with a date of birth of 12/18/06. Lee

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County Deputies responded to the address and conducted a welfare check. The body of his girlfriend, 16-year-old Jaedyn Hill, was located inside the apartment. Per the wishes of her mother, the 16-year-old victim's name was later released as Jaedyn A. Hill with a date of birth of 10/06/08. Sosa and Hill resided at the apartment, and they were in a dating relationship.

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, an autopsy was conducted at the Peoria County Coroner's Office on Jaedyn Hill. 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 carry 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 is currently 17-years of age.

The Lee County State's Attorney's Office, the Lee County Juvenile Probation Department, the Rochelle Police Department, the Illinois State Police – Crime Scene Services, the Lee County Coroner's Office, and the Peoria County Coroner's Office all assisted with the investigation.

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, the Sheriff's Office assisted the Dixon Rural Fire Department with distributing notices at the Magnuson Hotel, located at 443 Illinois Route 2 in Dixon. The documents were notifications to the occupants that the hotel was being closed due to health and life safety code violations. A hearing date was set for October 23<sup>rd</sup> in Lee County Case Number 24 MR 21. A hearing was held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Magnuson Hotel was ordered to be closed for occupancy. On October 24<sup>th</sup>, Lee County Sheriff's Deputies along with personnel from the Dixon Rural Fire Department conducted a sweep of the location to verify that there were no occupants.

## **Staffing Update**

From the Corrections Division, we are one correctional deputy short with two correctional deputies currently going through the field training process. Another correctional deputy is still off on family medical leave.

From the Patrol Division, we are one patrol deputy short with two other deputies working through the field training programs. Another deputy is still off for the next year on active-duty service with the military.