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In the month of September, the Lee County Sheriff's Office logged 820 calls for service.

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

On August 29th at approximately 9:34 a.m., we received a FLOCK license plate reader (LPR) notification of a stolen vehicle that was traveling southbound on Illinois Route 26 from Walton Drive in Dixon. The vehicle was white Lincoln Town Car with Iowa Registration. Lee County Squads along with Dixon Police and Amboy Police were advised of the alert. Deputies and officers began checking for the vehicle at the gas stations, hotels, and parking lots in the vicinity. Chief Paul Smith of the Amboy Police Department located the vehicle traveling south on Illinois Route 26 near Maytown Road. Lee County Deputies along with Dixon Police Officers responded to assist Chief Smith with a traffic stop. As additional personnel arrived in the area, Chief Smith conducted a traffic stop on Illinois Route 26 north of Baseline Road. The driver was taken into custody and was identified as 33-year-old Jack Cole from Dubuque, Iowa. The vehicle was verified as stolen from Dubuque, and Cole was placed under arrest for Unlawful Possession of Stolen Vehicle. The charge is a Class 2 Felony that has a possible sentence of incarceration ranging from 3 to 7 years in the Department of Corrections. Cole was released from custody on pretrial conditions, and he subsequently failed to appear on the charges. There is currently an active warrant for his arrest in Lee County Case Number 2024 CF 212.

On September 3rd at approximately 10:18 a.m., we received a FLOCK LPR notification of a vehicle with suspended registration that was traveling eastbound on Rock Island Road from the Whiteside County Line. A deputy located the vehicle traveling eastbound on Bloody Gulch Road near Pump Factory Road. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle and the driver was identified as Misty Clevenger, age 52, of Rock Falls. Clevenger was discovered to have an active arrest warrant out of Lee County for Criminal Damage to Property. A male passenger in the front seat of the vehicle was not coming back with any sort of verified identification. As deputies were attempting to establish his identity, the subject exited the vehicle and began running east into a tall cornfield where he disappeared. The subject was ultimately identified as Rory Fullmer. It was discovered that Fullmer was wanted on two outstanding

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warrants. One warrant was out of Lee County for FTA – Theft Over \$500, Criminal Damage to Property, and Criminal Trespass to Land in Lee County Case 24 CF 119. The second warrant was out of Whiteside County for FTA - Possession of Methamphetamine in Whiteside County Case Number 21 CF 320. Misty Clevenger was taken into custody on her arrest warrant, and she was processed and released on pretrial conditions. An additional arrest warrant was issued for Rory Fullmer on charges of Obstructing Justice and Resisting / Obstructing a Peace Officer for furnishing false identification information and fleeing the scene of the traffic stop.

On September 14th at approximately 1:15 a.m., we received a FLOCK license plate reader (LPR) notification of a stolen registration on a vehicle out of Colorado. The vehicle was traveling northbound on Illinois Route 26 from I-88. The vehicle was identified as a maroon Chevy Camaro. Dixon Police and Lee County Squads began checking for the vehicle at the gas stations, hotels, and parking lots in the vicinity. The vehicle was observed in the parking lot of Road Ranger. As additional personnel were responding to the area, the vehicle left heading southbound on Route 26. A Dixon Police Officer attempted to stop the vehicle; however, it fled south and then turned east into the Industrial Park on Corporate Drive. The area where the vehicle fled has only two entrances / exits for that locale at Corporate Drive and Progress Drive with Illinois Route 26. Officers established a perimeter at those locations while other personnel began searching the area.

After checking all of parking lots, officers located evidence of a vehicle accident at the eastern end of Corporate Drive. After further investigation, Lee County Deputies and Dixon Police Officers located the Chevy Camaro approximately 7 rows into a fully developed corn field at the end of East Corporate Drive. The Camaro was observed to have traveled eastbound at a high rate of speed, and it launched off a hill at the end of the roadway Corporate Drive. It was found to be unoccupied. Lee County Emergency Management Director Kevin Lally was contacted to assist law enforcement personnel by deploying a drone. The drone conducted a grid search of the area while utilizing a thermal imager. The search was to no avail as the corn leaves and other vegetation contained the heat from earlier in the day. The Chevy Camaro was discovered to be stolen out of Denver, Colorado on September 7th and the registration affixed to it had been taken from another vehicle. The Camaro was processed for evidence and lab results are pending.

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On September 24th at 8:10 a.m., the Lee County Sheriff's Office responded to a call of a male trespassing on the railroad tracks. The subject was walking along the tracks about a mile west of Wadsworth Way and Railway Road near Nelson. Deputies responded to the area and located the body of the male along the railroad tracks. It was determined that he had been struck by a passing train and was pronounced deceased at the scene. An autopsy was conducted the following day and fingerprint records identified the victim as being 31-year-old Omar Arroyo of Chicago. Investigators were able to locate family members in Chicago and notify them of his passing. The investigation into the incident revealed that Mr. Arroyo jumped in front of the train as it approached. The Lee County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Illinois State Police – Crime Scene Services, the Dixon Rural Fire Department, the Dixon City Fire Department, the Lee County Coroner's Office, and Union Pacific Railroad.

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 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. One deputy is returning to the department this month after active military service for the summer months. Another deputy is off for the next year on active-duty service with the military.

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