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Public Safety and Court Services Committee

April 15, 2025

In the month of March, the Lee County Sheriff's Office logged 934 calls for service.

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

On March 7<sup>th</sup> at approximately 7:04 a.m., the Lee County Sheriff's Office was alerted to an iPhone crash detection notification on I-88 near Milepost 63. They could not get a response from the caller, and another passerby reported a single vehicle crash in the area. Lee County dispatched deputies along with Franklin Grove EMS and the Illinois State Police to the scene. A good Samaritan also stopped and indicated that chest compressions were being performed on the driver of the vehicle. It was later learned that the victim was a 19-year-old girl from Iowa City. Within minutes, a trooper with the Illinois State Police arrived along with Corporal Josh Coward of the Lee County Sheriff's Office. The officers took over CPR, and Corporal Coward called for Deputy Justin White, who arrived seconds later, to bring an AED to the location of the victim. The AED was affixed to the victim and notification was provided to deliver a shock to the patient. A shock was delivered, and CPR efforts continued. A total of four shock cycles were administered to the victim before she could be transported from the scene. She was revived and is still being treated at a hospital in Rockford. Corporal Coward and Deputy White received letters of commendation for their actions and will be presented with Life Saving Awards at the Lee County Board Meeting in April.

On the afternoon of Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Lee County Sheriff's Office was alerted to a Burglary in progress at a residence in the area of US Route 30 and Walton Road in rural Dixon. There were two individuals observed on the property going in and out of a garage. Lee County Deputies arrived on scene and arrested Thomas Ulve and Mariann Poff.

Thomas E. Ulve, age 46, from Rock Falls was charged with the following:

- Burglary (a Class 2 Felony)

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- Possession of Burglary Tools (a Class 4 Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance – Cocaine (a Class 4 Felony)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (a Class A Misdemeanor)
- Criminal Trespass to Real Property (a Class A Misdemeanor)
- Driving While License Revoked (a Class A Misdemeanor)

Ulve was also taken into custody on arrest warrants from DeKalb County for Retail Theft -Subsequent Offense and Lee County for Contempt of Court. In accordance with provisions of Illinois SAFE-T Act, Ulve was released from custody on March 17<sup>th</sup> on Lee County Case Number 25 CF 59 for the charges listed above. Ulve also has the following other cases pending.

- 25 CF 11 for Retail Theft – Subsequent Offense (a Class 4 Felony) in DeKalb County
- 25 CF 55 for Possession of a Controlled Substance – Cocaine (a Class 4 Felony) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (a Class A Misdemeanor) in Lee County
- 25 CM 312 for Retail Theft (a Class A Misdemeanor) in Winnebago County

Mariann C. Poff, age 30, from Rock Falls was charged with the following:

- Burglary (a Class 2 Felony)
- Possession of Burglary Tools (a Class 4 Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance - Fentanyl (a Class 4 Felony)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (a Class A Misdemeanor)
- Criminal Trespass to Real Property (a Class A Misdemeanor)
- Driving While License Suspended (a Class A Misdemeanor)

Poff also had outstanding arrest warrants out of DuPage County for Failure to Appear – Retail Theft – Subsequent Offense (a Class 4 Felony) and Dekalb County for Failure to Appear – Retail Theft Over \$300.00 (a Class 3 Felony). In accordance with provisions of Illinois SAFE-T Act, Poff was released from custody on March 18<sup>th</sup> on Lee County Case Number 25 CF 60 for the charges listed above. Poff also has the following other cases pending.

- 25 CF 485 for Retail Theft Over \$300.00 (a Class 3 Felony) in Winnebago County
- 25 CF 10 for Retail Theft Over \$300.00 (a Class 3 Felony) in DeKalb County

Poff is currently in the custody of the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office for a violation of her pretrial release conditions.

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On March 26<sup>th</sup>, the Lee County Sheriff's Office was notified of a suspicious situation that had been reported to the Amboy Police Department. A homeowner in Harmon located an old shoe and a bone in a crawl space underneath the floor of a house that he was restoring. The homeowner turned the items in to the Amboy Police Department. Investigators responded to the residence and located several more bones after removing additional floorboards. The Illinois State Police – Crime Scene Services was contacted to assist with the investigation. A crime scene investigator arrived, and additional bones were recovered. Pictures of the bones were taken and submitted to an anthropologist that works with the Illinois State Police. On the following day, the anthropologist confirmed that all of the bones discovered were from a deer.

During the evening of March 30<sup>th</sup>, law enforcement in the Sauk Valley area was advised to be on the lookout for a suspect in a homicide out of Missouri. The Pulaski County Sheriff's Office indicated that 21-year-old Colin Mar was a person of interest in a homicide investigation in St. Robert, Missouri that occurred the day before. The Pulaski County Sheriff stated that the victim was trying to break up a fight and witnesses stated the victim hit one of the people involved. The person the victim hit was Mar's girlfriend, and Mar then shot the male victim. The sheriff's office issued a \$1 million cash warrant for Colin Mar, and he was known to have relatives in the Dixon area. Law enforcement personnel from the Lee County Sheriff's Office, the Dixon Police Department, and the Illinois State Police surrounded a residence on Broadway Street in Dixon. Due to the seriousness of the offense, the Joint Operations Group (JOG) consisting of tactically trained officers from the Lee County Sheriff's Office and the Dixon Police Department were activated. Detectives then made contact with the relative of Colin Mar, and were advised that he had been at the residence earlier in the day. The residence was cleared, and Mar was not located. Investigators were able to determine that Colin Mar had left the Dixon area earlier in the day and was last seen in Alton, Illinois. The information was relayed to Pulaski County Investigators. At approximately 4:30 p.m. on March 31<sup>st</sup>, Colin Mar was arrested at a hotel in Richland, Missouri. Sheriff Stacy Ball of Pulaski County credited several law enforcement agencies, including police in Illinois, that assisted with the investigation and information that helped in the arrest of Mar.

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Colin Mar

**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 two 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.

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