



Press Release

Date: February 17, 2015

Re: Drug Arrest

At about 7:20 p.m. on Friday, February 13, a Neenah Police Lieutenant made a traffic stop on a vehicle for expired registration. There was no other violation observed and no additional information to suggest that it would be any more than a routine stop for a minor traffic violation. The traffic stop occurred near Cecil Street and Marathon Avenue in Neenah.

As the Lieutenant approached the car, she noted the distinct odor of marijuana. She called for a K9 team, but none were available in the area. A second officer responded to assist.

Based on the odor of marijuana, the driver was searched. He was found to be in possession of pills and a white powder in plastic bags, which later tested positive for cocaine. He was also in possession of over \$500 in cash, which was ultimately seized.

The vehicle was then searched, and marijuana was found in the passenger compartment. The trunk was then also searched and found to contain a suitcase filled with large bags of marijuana. In total, over 10 pounds of marijuana was seized

Other contraband located during the search included marijuana candy, a popular form of drug edibles in states where those products have been legalized.

Officers on scene then contacted the Lake Winnebago Area MEG unit, the four-county drug investigative team that serves our area. The MEG unit took custody of the evidence and the driver, and will be the lead agency on the case.

The driver arrested at scene is a 19-year-old Town of Clayton man (rural Neenah).

Chief Kevin Wilkinson commented, "I am very proud of our officers for getting out and initiating contacts on a night when it would have been a lot more comfortable to stay in a warm car. They showed great initiative and thoroughness, and treated the driver very respectfully throughout the incident. This was a great bit of police work."

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