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Cook County Law Enforcement briefs

It is the policy of the Cook County News-Herald to withhold the identities of individuals in Cook County Law Enforcement briefs. When court proceedings are complete, the Cook County News-Herald publishes a complete accounting of names and penalties in its Matters of Record.

Monday, Aug. 24

1:42 a.m., Grand Portage: Investigation of a suspicious vehicle that was seen parked at the far end of the marina. The vehicle was gone when a warden arrived.

4:49 a.m., Grand Marais: Barking dog complaint.

1:54 p.m., Grand Marais: MnDOT notified of a smoldering log on the guard rail near the Fall River sign.

3:53 p.m., Grand Marais: Report of a vehicle with Canadian plates driving erratically on the highway near Terrace Point.

4:38 p.m., Grand Portage: A 19-year-old Deer Park, Texas, man turned himself in to Customs on a military deserter felony warrant for child pornography.

4:42 p.m., Grand Marais: Canoeist reported that while he was out on Devil Track Lake with his daughter and dog, another man began yelling and cursing because the dog jumped in the lake after a duck. The man threatened to shoot the dog because it was chasing wildlife.

6:29 p.m., Grand Marais: Report of possible property damage revealed that a vehicle's throttle got stuck, and the vehicle went up into the yard. There were no injuries.

6:50 p.m., Grand Marais: Chimney fire reported at Birch Terrace. The cook was transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation.

7:24 p.m., Grand Portage: Report of possible credit card fraud.

8:10 p.m., Grand Marais: Report of a yellow SUV driving around the Community Center, at speeds up to 60 mph.

10:41 p.m., Grand Marais: Report of a house fire on Sag Lake Trail. The structure was destroyed.

Tuesday, Aug. 25

8:05 a.m., Grand Marais: Report of a black Blazer with no plates driving around Dairy Queen.

8:40 a.m., Grand Marais: Report of a lost brown-colored journal somewhere in town.

10:05 a.m., Toftte: Report of a stolen dirt bike, valued at about \$500.

12:13 p.m., Lutsen: Gas drive-off at Clearview. \$21.49.

12:15 p.m., Lutsen: Reckless driving complaint on Honeymoon Trail.

5:44 p.m., Grand Marais: Vehicle fire extinguished by the owner at Gunflint Hills parking lot.

9:58 p.m., Grand Marais: Caller said he heard a loud bang, and then his power went out. PUC notified.

Wednesday, Aug. 26

1:20 a.m., Grand Marais: Two callers complained about barking dogs at a kennel on Murmur Creek Road.

11:43 a.m., Grand Marais: Report of a drunken man falling down in the lower parking lot of Birchwood Apartments. A deputy found that a picnic was taking place, but the man was not intoxicated.

1:25 p.m., Grand Marais: Mailbox knocked down along County Road 7.

9:42 p.m., Grand Marais: A man reported the theft of a box of fire arms from his residence, but called back later to say he found them.

Thursday, Aug. 27

5:59 p.m., Grand Marais: Report of illegal burning was determined to be unfounded.

9:10 p.m., Grand Marais: Report of a large fire and flames in the northern sky. The caller called back a short time later to say it may have just been a reflection.

10:23 p.m., Grand Portage: A Hopkins woman, 38, was cited for driving after suspension, expired tabs and no proof of insurance after Customs agents noticed her acting suspicious and nervous.

10:42 p.m., Grand Portage: Complaint about a parked vehicle that was left running in the neighbor's driveway with the music very loud for the past 25 minutes. The people left, but a deputy checked the area anyway.

Friday, Aug. 28

12:40 a.m., Grand Portage: Caller reported that her neighbor has been stealing items out of her house.

7:59 a.m., Grand Marais: Report that an unknown person, employed by the county to inspect septic systems, had entered a home while the owner was not there.

11:06 p.m., Grand Portage: Caller reported that while she was asleep, someone tried to break into her bedroom window. She saw at least two figures running away toward the road after she shouted at them. A deputy couldn't find anybody in the area.

Saturday, Aug. 29

9:06 a.m., Grand Portage: A Thunder Bay vehicle that was parked overnight in the casino parking lot was "keyed."

11:17 a.m., Grand Marais: Caller reported her ex-husband sent her a harassing e-mail.

5:37 p.m., Grand Portage: Vandalism reported at Mount Rose Church. It appeared some kids broke in and left the place full of mud and also bike tire skid marks everywhere.

6:54 p.m., Grand Portage: Ambulance requested at the lodge for a young female who suffered grease burns on her chest, neck and arms.

9:04 p.m., Hovland: Barking dog complaint near Chicago Bay.

Sunday, Aug. 30

8:23 a.m., Grand Marais: Traffic control requested for when crews remove a large tree near the courthouse.

1:38 p.m., Lutsen: Complaint about Lutsen Mountains employees riding ATVs on the road.

3:09 p.m., Toftte: Holiday reported a \$25 gas drive-off.

3:30 p.m., Grand Portage: Ambulance requested for food poisoning victim.

10:41 p.m., Grand Marais: Owner reported the theft of a key that was left in the ignition of a vehicle parked at Aspen Lodge. No other property in the vehicle was missing, and it was not known who would take the key, or why.

Matters of Record

The Cook County News-Herald publishes Matters of Record to inform the public of arraignments and dispositions of criminal cases in which the potential punishment exceeds \$100 and/or 10 days in jail. All fines have additional surcharges and fees and may be much higher. It is the Cook County News-Herald's policy that this information contains a complete record. Requests for items to be withheld will not be granted.

Jack H. Woods, 69, Westfield, Wis., pled guilty Aug. 17 to speeding (79/55) on July 29, and was fined \$230.

Jeffrey Daniel Laskowski, 26, Thunder Bay, pled guilty Aug. 24 to possession of a small amount of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia on July 31, and was fined \$190.

Blair Albert Miller, 41, Thunder Bay, pled guilty Aug. 10 to speeding (52/40) on July 30, and was fined \$140.

Amy Lee Roberts, 36, Roseville, pled guilty Aug. 10 to speeding in a work zone (56/45) on July 31, and was fined \$190.

Thomas Charles House, 41, Woodbury, pled guilty Aug. 7 to speeding in a work zone (58/45) on July 30, and was fined \$190.

Mark Nelson Schuehle, 51, Orono, pled guilty Aug. 7 to speeding (64/50) on Aug. 3, and was fined \$140.

Roger William Redmond, 56, Burnsville, pled guilty Aug. 6 to speeding (69/45) on July 26, and was fined \$230.

James Joseph Scherer, 73, Denver, Colo., pled guilty Aug. 6 to speeding (64/55) on June 22, and was fined \$130.

Kyle Leon Johnson, 44, Zimmerman, pled guilty Aug. 6 to speeding (71/55) on July 2, and was fined \$150.

Cory Dan Wilson, 30, Grand Marais, pled guilty Aug. 6 to not carrying proof of insurance when operating a motor vehicle on July 30, and was fined \$290.

Ron Alan Anderson, 45, Grand Portage, pled guilty Aug. 5 to charges of fourth-degree driving while impaired filed June 19, and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, stayed two years with supervised probation and conditions, and ordered to pay a fine plus court costs and fees totaling \$590.

Christian Lee Deschampe, 18, Grand Portage, pled guilty Aug. 12 to petty misdemeanor charges of tampering with a motor vehicle (ride in without owner permission) on May 3, and was ordered to pay a fine plus court costs and fees totaling \$390.

Marriage Licenses

» Daniel Robert Johnson, Grand Marais, and Barbara Jean Meyers, Grand Marais, Aug. 11.

» Jason James Hall, Grand Marais, and Sarena Lynn Nelson, Grand Marais, Aug. 12.

» Thomas John Super, Grand Marais, and Breanna Jean Holm, Grand Marais, Aug. 19.

» Philip Edward Douglass, Grand Marais, and Miriama Demcakova, Grand Marais, Aug. 19.

Conservation Officer Tales

Although the Cook County News-Herald knows that the majority of sportsmen and women are law-abiding folks, there are a few who run afoul of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Conservation Officers. Periodically, the DNR provides a report of some of the miscreants the Conservation Officers (CO) have encountered. The News-Herald shares these stories as a reminder to all to be safe and to follow the rules!

CO Thomas Wahlstrom (Toftte) focused enforcement action this last week on bear baits as the hunters geared up for the upcoming opener. The officer reminds hunters not to leave out non-biodegradable materials at the bait site. Wahlstrom also spent time on Lake Superior working anglers and boating enforcement. The officer attended an ATV meeting.

CO Mary Manning (Hovland) attended the Cook County ATV Club meeting and answered member questions. Manning checked bear bait stations and investigated reported bait in the game refuge, which turned out to be unfounded. The officer also took a call on an unsigned bear bait station

on private property, a reported "sick" bear, and wild ricing in the Swamp River Wildlife Management Area (WMA). CO Manning also worked in the BWCAW.

CO Dan Thomason (Two Harbors) fielded numerous questions via phone and in person about upcoming big game seasons. Area lakes were checked for both angling and wild rice activity. Bear baiting activity is ramping up with the opening of the season only a few days away.

CO Gary Sommers (Walker) received a call regarding someone finding a trash bag in a ditch that contained the carcasses of three bass that had been cleaned. Also in the trash bag was a clear plastic bag containing the fillets. It was so fresh there were no flies yet. It is unclear why someone would take the time to clean fish and then throw the fillets away.

CO Keith Olson (Marine Unit) checked anglers and boaters in the Duluth/Two Harbors area of Lake Superior. The water temps are starting to warm. Some salmon have been getting caught with lake trout as well.

CO Mike Martin (St. Cloud) encountered an angler from Illinois who was "so excited" to fish in Minnesota, he didn't take time to read the fishing regulations. Martin showed him the "Angling Methods" section of the fishing synopsis and issued him a summons for angling with extra lines. Martin assisted another CO with a married couple that had 60 sunfish over the limit (they were taking fish to their daughter in Wisconsin). The anglers wanted to know which of their neighbors "ratted us out."

CO Ed Picht (Montevideo) received a complaint of an individual living on Lac Qui Parle WMA CO Picht and CO Henriksen found the individual living in a houseboat on a secluded portion of the wildlife management area. He was upset to learn that he could not live on a WMA and informed the COs that he will be moving to Wisconsin.

CO Dan Starr (Tower) found an over limit of walleye and took action. Ironically, it was the father of an individual whom CO Starr had cited two years ago for being 39 walleyes over limit.

Remember to "move over" for safety

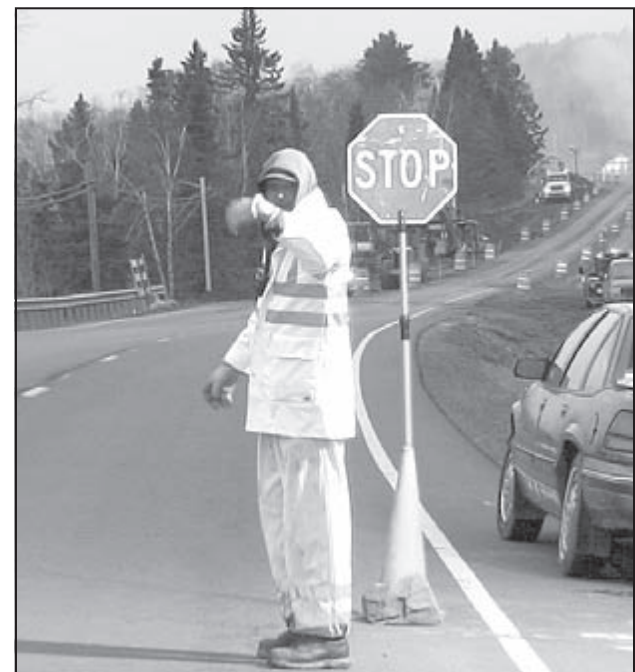
Staff reports

The Minnesota State Patrol and MNDOT recently posted signs along I35 in Duluth reminding drivers to "move over" when they are approaching emergency or maintenance vehicles doing their job along the roadways.

The Move Over Law, also known as the Ted Foss law, was enacted after Minnesota State Trooper Ted Foss was killed on August 31, 2000 on I90 in southern Minnesota. Foss had stopped a mini-van for speeding and was talking to the occupants when a semi-truck veered off of the roadway, striking Foss's squad car along with the mini-van and the trooper. Officer Foss was dead at the scene.

The law requires drivers to move a complete lane away and slow down when approaching emergency or maintenance vehicles along the roadways, according to Sgt. Mark Baker of the Minnesota State Patrol. Sgt. Baker says, "The law only applies when you are on a road which has two or more lanes traveling in the same direction. If it is not safe to move over you do not have to, but you still need to slow down."

"Recent crashes with squad cars and MNDOT vehicles, along with this being the anniversary of Foss's death, should be a reminder to the public about the dangers we face every day in our jobs" states Sgt. Baker. "We have had



Staff photo/Rhonda Silences

The "move over" law protects emergency responders and maintenance workers like this flagman at the Highway 61 road reconstruction in Toftte.

several vehicles hit and near misses as well as volunteer firefighter Kim Granholm from Esko, killed by a vehicle on I35 while doing his job on July 1, 2002

If the current trend continues, 2009 will be the 12th year in a row in which more officers are killed in traffic related incidents than die from any other cause in the line of duty.

Violation of this law in Minnesota is a petty misdemeanor and carries a fine of \$135 in St. Louis County.