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PRESS RELEASE

for proceedings in the Iowa Associate District Court for Hancock County before Judge Karen Salic from July 22 through August 10, 2016

Timothy Lee Monson, 34, Britt, pled guilty to Count I **"POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE -- SECOND OFFENSE (Methamphetamine),"** an aggravated misdemeanor and Count III **"INTERFERENCE WITH OFFICIAL ACTS,"** a serious misdemeanor stemming from an incident investigated by the Hancock County Sheriff's Office with assistance from Britt Police Department on July 13, 2016. On Count I, the court sentenced Monson to serve 365 days in jail and pay a fine of \$625, plus court costs, surcharges and attorney fees. The court suspended the fine and all but 7 days of the jail sentence and placed Monson on probation for 1 year under supervision by the Department of Correctional Services. The court ordered Monson to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and complete treatment. On Count III, the court sentenced Monson to serve 15 days in jail and pay a fine of \$315, plus court costs, surcharges, and attorney fees. The court also directed the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) to revoke Monson's driving privileges if not already revoked. The court ordered all jail sentences to run consecutively for a total of 22 days in jail.

Jerry Garza, 25, Britt, pled guilty to **"POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA, A SCHEDULE I CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, FIRST OFFENSE,"** a serious misdemeanor stemming from an investigation by the Forest City Police Department on March 5, 2016. The court sentenced Garza to serve 180 days in jail and pay a fine of \$315, plus court costs, surcharges, and attorney fees. The court suspended all but 7 days of the jail sentence and placed Garza on probation for 1 year under the supervision by the Department of Correctional Services. The court ordered Garza to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and complete treatment and also directed the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) to revoke Garza's driving privileges if not already revoked.

Cookie Alaine Brown, 18, Garner, pled guilty to **"POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA, A SCHEDULE I CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, FIRST OFFENSE,"** a serious misdemeanor stemming from an investigation by the Britt Police Department on March 8, 2016. The court sentenced Brown to serve 2 days in jail and pay court costs and attorney fees. The court ordered Brown to obtain a substance abuse evaluation and complete treatment. The court also directed the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) to revoke Brown's driving privileges if not already revoked.

The court arraigned the following persons:

Samuel J. Robert Lakose, 20, Clear Lake, Count I **"OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED -- FIRST OFFENSE,"** a serious misdemeanor and Count II **"POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE (Marijuana),"** a serious misdemeanor; Cindy Sue Nehl, 43, Charles City, **"DOMESTIC ABUSE ASSAULT,"** an aggravated misdemeanor; John Allan Nehl, 51, Garner, **"DOMESTIC ABUSE ASSAULT,"** a serious misdemeanor; Jan Elaine Ehmen, 48, Graettinger, **"OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED -- FIRST OFFENSE,"** a serious misdemeanor; Monica Sue Lybarger, 41, Klemme, **"OPERATING WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT,"** an aggravated misdemeanor.

NOTE: Pursuant to Iowa Rule of Professional Conduct 32:3.6(e), the preceding information is provided along with the statement that a criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.