



# MARSHALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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**MSCO Thanksgiving Holiday Special Traffic Enforcement Program Results**

Marshall County - The Marshall County Sheriff's Office recently participated in a statewide Special Traffic Enforcement Program (sTEP) from Monday November 24 - Sunday November 30. During this time, there were extra Deputies out working special traffic enforcement focusing on dangerous driving behaviors such as speeding, drunk driving, distracted driving, and occupants not wearing seatbelts or unrestrained children. These behaviors are the leading cause of crashes involving injury and/or death.

The Traffic Enforcement Unit made two felony drug arrests, five misdemeanor drug arrests, one drugged-driver arrest, and recovered one stolen vehicle during traffic stops involved in the extra enforcement. James Jacobs, 36, of Winterset was arrested for Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Deliver (Class D Felony), Possession of Methamphetamine (Class D Felony), and Drug Paraphernalia; as well as several misdemeanor traffic offenses. Passengers in Jacobs' vehicle: Craig Collins, 33, of Nevada, and Michelle Muller, 20, of Ames were both charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. 1.2 ounces of Marijuana and .25 grams of Methamphetamine were recovered from Jacobs' vehicle and person. Crystal Ross, 29, of Des Moines was arrested as the driver of a reported stolen vehicle from Marshalltown. During her arrest she was found to be in possession of 3.4 grams methamphetamine. She was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine (Aggravated Misdemeanor) and Possession Drug Paraphernalia.

The goal of these traffic enforcement programs is to reduce the number of injuries and deaths due to traffic crashes. We want all drivers to safely arrive at their destinations and enjoy the time with friends and family.

This is part of the Iowa DOT program "Zero Fatalities-A goal we can all live with".

**About Marshall County Sheriff's Office**

The Marshall County, Iowa Sheriff's Office is headed up by Sheriff Ted G. Kamatchus. Sheriff Kamatchus is committed to keeping communities and neighborhoods safe in Marshall County.

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