



# MARSHALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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**Marshall County Sheriff's Office makes arrest in attempted burglary**

Iowa Avenue, Marshalltown - An alert Trooper located a vehicle suspected of being occupied by a fugitive Thursday morning, which resulted in a wide area search and investigation.

On August 6th, 2015 The Marshall County Sheriff's Office received information regarding a wanted person suspected of residing in Marshall County. The subject, Justin Patton, age 34, has multiple parole violation arrest warrants out of Webster County, Iowa. As officers began to execute search and arrest operations, the suspect's vehicle was located by an Iowa State Patrol Trooper, who observed the car pulling into a rural residence west of Marshalltown in the 2200 block of Iowa Avenue West.

Additional officers were quickly responding to the property; however, the suspect vehicle quickly left without Patton and traveled to the Best Western Regency where officers approached the driver, identified as Bobi Jo Spears, age 33. She was detained for questioning and found to be a current resident of the motel. Officers then learned that Spears' and Patton's three children under the age of 12 were inside their motel room where drug paraphernalia, methamphetamine residue, and stolen property were eventually located. The three children were located, removed, and placed into protective custody by law enforcement.

Officers simultaneously secured the property where Spears had dropped Patton off. Moments later it was determined Patton had fled on foot to avoid apprehension. Due to the terrain of the area, the search for Patton was difficult and suspended after several hours.

As a result of this investigation, Bobi Jo Spears was arrested and transported to the Marshall County Jail on various criminal charges including possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor; three counts of child endangerment, aggravated misdemeanors; and attempted burglary, class D felony. Spears posted a \$5000 bond and was then released to appear in court at a later date.

Additional arrests and criminal charges are pending in this investigation. The Whereabouts of Justin Patton are unknown at this time. If anyone has information you are encouraged to contact the Marshall County Communications Center at 641-754-5725 or Marshall County Sheriff's Tip line/Email (641) 844-2882 or Tips@co.marshall.ia.us

The Marshall County Sheriff's Office was assisted in the investigation by the Iowa State Patrol, Marshalltown Police Department (Patrol, K-9 and Detective Units), Mid Iowa Drug Task Force, Child Crisis Care and Department of Human Services.

**About Marshall County Sheriff's Office**

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

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