



# MARSHALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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**Traffic stop leads to stolen guns, drugs, and cash**

Marshall County - On Friday morning April 22, a Deputy with the Marshall County Sheriff's Office, stopped a vehicle for a lane violation and unsafe turn.

It was found that the driver, Miguel Angel Diaz, age 31, did not have a driver's license or current vehicle insurance information. A records check showed he had been issued a citation for Driving without a License within the past three weeks. Diaz was arrested on the traffic violations. During the towing and inventory of Diaz's vehicle, three loaded handguns and a large bundle of cash were located. The vehicle was towed to the Sheriff's Office impound and secured while a search warrant was applied for, and subsequently granted, to search and recover the items inside the car.

A search warrant was executed on the vehicle and several items seized. Two of the three handguns in the vehicle were found to be stolen from cases in Marshalltown and Marshall County. There was also methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and several thousand dollars of US currency. A follow up search warrant was executed at a residence used by Diaz near Liscomb in rural Marshall County. One gun, narcotics, and drug paraphernalia were seized from the residence.

Diaz was charged with Trafficking Stolen Weapons (Class D Felony), Theft 2nd (Class D Felony), Carrying Weapons (Aggravated Misdemeanor), Possession Controlled Substance (Serious Misdemeanor), Drug Paraphernalia (Simple Misdemeanor) and the following traffic charges: Driving without License, Improper Use of Lanes, Unsafe Turn, and No Insurance (all Simple Misdemeanors). Diaz is being held at the Marshall County jail on bond.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted in the investigation by the Mid Iowa Drug Task Force, Marshalltown PD SWAT team, MPD K9, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms.

The investigation continues in this case with the possibility of additional charges in the future.

**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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