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The following subjects have been charged with a crime but are presumed innocent until proven guilty:

On January 21, 2024 approximately 19:19 Crawford County Deputies responded to a car/deer accident CR 1050E near E. McKinney Ave. in Robinson Township. Charles Stephens, age 49, of rural Robinson driving a 2015 Jeep Liberty collided with a deer causing over \$1,500 in damage. No injuries reported and the vehicle was drivable from the scene.

On January 20, 2024 approximately 18:08 Crawford County Deputies responded to a single vehicle accident E. Quail Hollow Dr. near CR 1150E in Robinson Township. Emily Orr, age 18, driving a 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee owned by Voni Ghast of Casey, IL was eastbound and lost control and spun into a ditch to the north. Over \$1,500 in damage was reported. United Lifecare Ambulance Service was also dispatched to the scene. The driver was taken to Crawford Memorial Hospital. Crouse Towing of Robinson towed the vehicle.

On January 19, 2024 approximately 22:20 Crawford County Deputies responded to a fight call near the 9274 E. 1050th Ave. Robinson (Button Bucks). Upon an investigation deputies arrested Joshua Shipman, age 38, of rural Flat Rock for; Aggravated Battery. Shipman was transported to the county jail for processing. Shipman was later released and given a future court date to appear.

On January 19, 2024 approximately 21:38 Crawford County Correctional Deputies arrested Otis Wilkes Jr., age 40, of Edwardsville, IL for; Crawford County Warrant – Failure to Appear (Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine with intent to Deliver, Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and No Valid Drivers License. Wilkes was extradited from the Alton Police Department to the county jail for processing. Wilkes remains in custody awaiting a detainment hearing.

On January 19, 2024 approximately 17:00 Crawford County Deputies responded to a car/deer accident CR 1050N near CR 800E in Robinson Township. Haley Warfel, age 32, of rural Oblong driving a 2010 Chevrolet Malibu collided with a deer causing over \$1,500 in damage. No injuries reported and the vehicle was drivable from the scene.

On January 19, 2024 approximately 15:54 Crawford County Deputies came upon a one vehicle accident CR 900E @ CR 900N in Robinson Township. Kara Siler, age 37, of rural Oblong driving a 2011 Chevrolet Impala ran off the roadway and collided with a ditch. No apparent damage to the vehicle and no injuries reported. Crouse Towing of Robinson towed the vehicle reference the arrest of the alleged driver. Siler was arrested for; Driving While License Suspended, Uninsured, and Possession of Adult Use Cannabis in Motor Vehicle. Siler was transported to the county jail for processing and was later released with a future court date due to the Pre-trial Fairness Act.

On January 19, 2024 approximately 11:49 Crawford County Correctional Deputies arrested Sydney Carter, age 25, of Olney, IL for; Crawford County Warrant – Violation of Conditions Probation. Carter was transported from the courthouse to the county jail for processing. Carter attended a detainment hearing and was later released with a future court date reference the Pre-Trial Fairness Act.

On January 19, 2024 approximately 08:30 Crawford County Deputies responded to a car/deer accident IL RT 1 near CR 450N in Honey Creek Township. Debra Kleinschmidt, age 62, of Robinson driving a 2007 Chevrolet Suburban collided with a deer causing over \$1,500 in damage. No injuries reported and the vehicle was drivable from the scene.

On January 19, 2024 approximately 08:30 Crawford County Deputies responded to a car/deer accident IL RT 1 near CR 450N in Montgomery Township. Philip Zehr, age 32, of rural Flat Rock collided with a deer causing over \$1,500 in damage. No injuries reported and the vehicle was drivable from the scene.

On January 18, 2024 approximately 06:24 Crawford County Deputies responded to a car/deer accident IL RT 33 near CR 150N in Montgomery Township. Arlene Gordon, age 52, of Palestine driving a 2014 Chevrolet Equinox collided with a deer causing over \$1,500 in damage. No injuries reported and the vehicle was towed Crouse Towing of Robinson.

On January 17, 2024 approximately 14:08 arrested Robert Certain, age 59 of Palestine for; Driving While License Revoked, Possession of Adult use Cannabis in Motor Vehicle, Improper Display of Registration, and No Valid Registration. Also arrested was Connie Russo, age 65, of Sullivan, IN for; Crawford County

Warrant – Failure to Appear (Driving While License Revoked, Improper Lane Usage and Improper Turn Single). Russo was also cited for; Possession of Adult Use Cannabis in Motor Vehicle. Both were transported to the county jail for processing. Certain was released and given a future court date to appear reference the Pre-trial Fairness Act. Russo posted \$150.00 Bail + \$75.00 F.T.A. + \$25.00 Booking fee. Following a traffic stop on 1500E near 1900N.

On January 16, 2024 approximately 20:24 Crawford County Deputies responded to a single accident CR 1350N near CR 800E in Robinson Township. Melanie Guyer, age 74, of rural Annapolis driving a 2018 GMC Terrain was traveling westbound and disobeyed the stop sign at the intersection continuing westbound crashing in to a ditch embankment. Over \$1,500 in damage was reported. No injuries reported but the vehicle was towed by Crouse Towing of Robinson.

On January 16, 2024 approximately 17:25 Crawford County Deputies responded to a car/deer accident CR 1900N near IL RT 1 in Hutsonville Township. Travis Rinard, age 20, of Hutsonville driving a 2004 Chevrolet K1500 collided with a deer causing over \$1,500 in damage. No injuries reported and the vehicle was drivable from the scene.

On January 16, 2024 approximately 13:28 Crawford County Correctional Deputies arrested Hershel Foster, age 33, of Chicago, IL for; Cook County Warrant – Violation of Probation. Foster was extradited from the Robinson Correctional Center and brought to the county jail for processing. Foster is waiting for Cook County Sheriff's Office to pickup the Individual in Custody and transport back to Cook County.

On January 16, 2024 approximately 10:55 Crawford County Deputies responded to a car/deer accident CR 950E near CR 900N in Robinson Township. Thomas Baird, age 85, of Robinson driving a 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe collided with a deer causing over \$1,500 in damage. No injuries reported and the vehicle was drivable from the scene.

County Jail Population Report:

Males: 21 Females: 3 Juveniles: 0 Total: 24

Sentenced and waiting transport to IDOC: 0

**Lawrence County: 0 Edgar County: 0 Jasper County: 0 Jackson County: 0
Clay County: 0**

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