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

On April 12, 2024 approximately 02:37 Crawford County Deputies arrested Chelsea Pride, age 19, of Olney, IL for; Aggravated DUI, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Improper Lane Usage. Pride was transported to the county jail for processing and later released with a future court date due to the Pre-Trial Fairness Act. Upon of a Traffic stop investigation at IL RT 1 near CR 700N.

On April 10, 2024 approximately 12:40 Crawford County Deputies arrested Otis Wilkes, age 40, of Edwardsville, IL for; Crawford County Failure to Appear Warrant (Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine with intent to Deliver....et al). Wilkes was extradited from the Effingham County Jail and transported back to Crawford County. Wilkes remains in custody after attending a detainment hearing.

On April 10, 2024 approximately 10:25 Crawford County Deputies arrested Samantha Thomas, age 46, of Robinson for; Retail Theft at the Sunoco Gas Station 900 S. Cross St. in Robinson. Thomas was transported to the county jail for processing and was later released on Pre-trial services reference the Pre-Trial Fairness Act.

On April 9, 2024 approximately 13:36 Crawford County Deputies responded to a single vehicle accident N. Trimble Road near CR 1300E in Robinson Township. Christopher Hutts, age 44, of Terre Haute, IN driving a 2018 Dodge Ram 1500 left the roadway for unknown reasons then struck the embankment and overturned causing disabling damage. United Lifecare Ambulance Service was also dispatched to the scene. Hutts was transported to the Crawford Memorial Hospital for evaluation. Over \$1,500 in damage was reported and Crouse Wrecker Service of Robinson towed the vehicle.

On April 8, 2024 approximately 21:39 Crawford County Deputies arrested Bridgette Rhoads, age 26, of Carlisle, IN for; Crawford County Failure to Appear Warrant (Driving While Suspended...et al). Rhoads 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 April 7, 2024 approximately 14:16 Crawford County Deputies responded to a single vehicle accident CR 1700E near CR 900N in LaMotte Township. Matthew Watts, age 39, of Palestine driving a 2021 Buick Encore owned by Victora Rios. Watts was negotiating a curve and lost control of the vehicle exiting the roadway on the left side of the road. Watts collided with a mailbox and continued in to a field then coming to a rest. Airbags deployed in combination on passenger and drivers' side from the impact. United Lifecare Ambulance Service was dispatched to the scene. Over \$1,500 in damage was reported. Owner of the mailbox was Thomas Fuller of rural Palestine. Upon an investigation deputy arrested Matthew Watts, age 39, of Palestine for; Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, Aggravated Driving while License Revoked, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, Endangering the Life of a Child. Watts was transported to the county jail for processing. Watts remains in custody after attending a detainment hearing.

******Attention ******

*****Install of a new elevator at the Crawford County Courthouse starts on Monday April 15, 2024 at approximately 08:00. This project will take approximately four to six weeks. If you have court and will need the use of the elevator you will need to contact our Circuit Clerk's Office at 618-544-3512 during this project. If you need to file paperwork and will need the use of the elevator security staff will contact someone from the clerk's office to come and meet with you downstairs.*****

County Jail Population Report:

Males: 15 Females: 6 Juveniles: 1 Total: 22

Sentenced and waiting transport to IDOC: Zero (0)

**Lawrence County: 0 Edgar County: 0 Jasper County: 0 Jackson County: 1
Clay County: 0**

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