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Crawford County Sheriff's Office Press Release

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

On October 17, 2024 approximately 20:35 Crawford County Deputies responded to a car/deer accident CR 1400E near CR 600N in Honey Creek Township. Jadian Galyath, age 29, of Bridgeport, IL driving a 2019 Nissan Altima owned by Jessy Spillman of Lawrenceville, IL collided with a deer causing over \$1,500 in damage. No injuries were reported and the vehicle was drivable from the scene.

On October 16, 2024 approximately 20:36 Crawford County Deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident with possible injuries CR 1050N near CR 375E in Oblong Township. [UNIT 1] driven by Perry Graves, age 36, of Oblong driving a 2016 Chevrolet Cruze side swiped [UNIT 2] driven by Julie Mendenhall, age 66, of Hutsonville driving a 2024 Chevrolet Transtech School Bus. Under \$500.00 in damage was reported. United Lifecare Ambulance Service was dispatched to the scene. [UNIT 1] was towed by Crouse Wrecker Service of Robinson and [UNIT 2] was towed by Spark's and Sons of Oblong. Graves was transported to the Crawford Memorial Hospital.

The deputy on scene cited Graves for the following; Failure to Reduce Speed/Accident 625 ILCS 5/11-601(a) and Failure to Wear Seat Belt – Driver 625 ILCS 5/12-603.1.

On October 16, 2024 approximately 21:16 Crawford County Deputies arrested Phoebe Baldwin, age 32, of St. Francisville, IL for; Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Unlawful Possession of a Hypodermic Syringe. Also arrested was; Heather O'Dell, age 41, of Lawrenceville for; Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Both were transported to the county jail for processing and

remained in custody until they attended a detainment hearing. Baldwin and O'Dell were released on Pre-trial Fairness Act. Following a traffic stop on IL RT 1 near Lawrence Ave. near the county line.

On October 16, 2024 approximately 07:28 Crawford County Deputies responded to a single accident CR 200E near CR 850N in Oblong Township. A female juvenile, age 16, of rural Oblong driving a 2017 Nissan Maxima owned by Jeremy Potts went off the roadway and over corrected and the vehicle collided in to a ditch and ended up on its side. Over \$1,500 in damage was reported. United Lifecare Ambulance Service was also dispatched to the scene. The vehicle was towed by Shook's Wrecker Service of Robinson.

On October 16, 2024 approximately 06:47 Crawford County Deputies responded to a car/deer accident IL RT 33 near CR 150N in Montgomery Township. Lucinda Allee, age 71, of Flat Rock driving a 2013 GMC Terrain collided with a deer causing over \$1,500 in damage. No injuries were reported and the vehicle was towed by Crouse Wrecker Service of Robinson due to the damage.

On October 16, 2024 approximately 05:05 Crawford County Deputies responded to a single vehicle accident CR 575E @ CR 700N in Martin Township. Eric Knobloch, age 52, of Olney, IL driving a 2005 Chevrolet Aveo LS, Knobloch advised allegedly had mechanical issues caused him to go through the intersection collided in to a ditch and ended in to corn field. Over \$1,500 in damage was reported. No injuries were reported. The vehicle was towed by Crouse Wrecker Service of Robinson due to the damage.

On October 15, 2024 approximately 05:10 Crawford County Deputies responded to a car/deer accident CR 700E near the residence of 18000 N 700th St. in Prairie Township. Jesus Stifle, age 22, of Robinson driving a 2007 Chevrolet Sedan collided with a deer causing over \$1,500 in damage. No injuries were reported and the vehicle was drivable from the scene.

On October 14, 2024 approximately 18:39 Crawford County Deputies responded to a car/deer accident IL RT 1 near CR 2200N in Hustonville Township. Marylyn Collier, age 76, of West Union, IL driving a 2023 Chevrolet Traverse collided with a deer causing over \$1,500 in damage. No injuries were reported and the vehicle was towed by Crouse Wrecker Service of Robinson due to the damage.

On October 13, 2024 approximately 17:28 Crawford County Deputies arrested Roger Brian Holcomb, age 45, of Robinson for; Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Unlawful Possession of Hypodermic Syringe (X2), Driving While License Revoked, and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Holcomb was transported to the county

jail for processing. Holcomb remains in custody after attending a detainment hearing reference the Pre-trial Fairness Act. Following a traffic stop on CR 1500N near CR 950E.

**Sheriff Bill Rutan advises for the last couple of weeks car/deer accidents has increased due to the farmers harvesting their fields and the deer are on the move. Let's work together to raise awareness about the danger deer pose to drivers in Crawford County. Here are some tips for staying safe around deer:

- Be aware
- Pay attention to your surroundings, especially in areas with deer crossing signs. Scan the sides of the road for eye shine, which is the reflection of headlights in a deer's eyes.
- Slow down
- If you see a deer, slow down, especially if you think others might be following.
- Don't swerve
- If a collision is unavoidable, try to glance your vehicle off the deer instead of swerving.
- Prepare for the unexpected
- Deer can stop in the middle of the road and not move.
- Be alert during mating season
- Deer are especially active during fall mating season, especially at dawn and dusk.

If you're involved in a deer accident, you should:

- Pull off to the shoulder and turn on your hazard lights
- Call 911, Report the accident and advise if anyone is injured and speak calmly so the dispatcher can understand your information in case we have to get first responders to your location.
- Alert other drivers by tapping your brakes
- Help anyone who is injured

County Jail Population Report:

Males: 25 Females: 9 Juveniles: 0 Total: 34

Sentenced and waiting on transport to IDOC: One (1) male. We have transported four (4) males and three (3) females to IDOC this week.

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

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