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MEDIA RELEASE

Search Warrants Served in the Town of Beloit

For Immediate Release

Date: June 8, 2022
Case #: SO2222549

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On June 8, 2022, at approximately 5:35 a.m., the Rock County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team with elements from the Walworth County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team and the Town of Beloit Police Department executed a search warrant secured by the Rock County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit (SIU) at 1924 S. Royce Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511. Simultaneously, the City of Beloit Police Department Tactical Operations Unit executed a separate search warrant secured by SIU at 1941 Fayette Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511. These search warrants resulted in the arrests of the following individuals for the listed charges.



Neal L. Prater

DOB: 05/20/1960

- 1 Count – Maintain Premises/Vehicle for Drug Trafficking
- 1 Count – Keeping Place of Prostitution
- 1 Count – Felon in Possession of a Firearm
- 1 Count – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia



Joshua J. Vega-Kelley

DOB: 11/06/1979

- 1 Count – Maintain Premises for Drug Trafficking
- 1 Count – Possession of Cocaine
- 1 Count – Neglecting a Child
- 1 Count – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- 1 Count – Possession of a Schedule I Drug (Fentanyl)
- 5 Counts – Felony Bail Jumping
- 1 Count – Misdemeanor Bail Jumping

Prater and Vega-Kelley were booked into the Rock County Jail. They will have future court dates. Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3.6, Trial Publicity, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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