A criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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Press Releases

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PRESS RELEASE  
On Friday, May 02, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jason Robert Thorpe, 38, of Manchester. Thorpe was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Delaware County for one count of Possession of Ether with Intent to manufacture Methamphetamine (class D felony), five counts of Possession of Lithium with Intent to manufacture Methamphetamine (class D felony), five counts of manufacturing more than five grams of Methamphetamine (class B felony) and two counts of manufacturing less that five grams of Methamphetamine (class C felony). This arrest was made in the 400 blk First Street West in Independence. Thorpe was released to the custody of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

PRESS RELEASE  
On Sunday, May 04, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Trisha Renee Miller, 39, of Waterloo. Miller was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for second degree Theft. Miller was transported to the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office. The Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office assisted in this arrest.

PRESS RELEASE  
On Sunday, May 04, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Scotty Steven Auer, 49, of Independence. Auer was arrested and charged with first offense Operating While Intoxicated (serious misdemeanor). Auer was also issued citations for Reckless Driving, Failure to Maintain Control, Driving on Wrong Side of Highway, Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle, Possession of Open Container and Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance. This arrest was made following a complaint of a vehicle traveling all over the road near Iowa Avenue and Bland Blvd in Independence.

PRESS RELEASE  
On Monday, May 05, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Michael Lewis Eschen, 58, of Independence. Eschen was arrested and charged with second offense Operating While Intoxicated (aggravated misdemeanor), Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor) and Driving While License Revoked (simple misdemeanor). Eschen was also issued citations for Possession of Open Container, Failure to Maintain Control and Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance. This arrest was made in the 1900 blk First Street West in Independence following a complaint of a vehicle traveling all over the road.

PRESS RELEASE  
On Wednesday, May 07, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jennifer Marie Greene, 37, of Hazleton. Greene was arrested and charged with Driving While License Barred (aggravated misdemeanor). This arrest was made following a traffic stop in the 1300 blk Jackson Avenue south of Hazleton.

PRESS RELEASE  
On Wednesday, May 07, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Eric Christopher Rogers,
25, of Quasqueton. Rogers was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor). Rogers was also issued a citation for Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance. This arrest was made following a traffic stop in the 700 blk First Street West in Independence.

PRESS RELEASE
On Thursday, May 08, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested Martin John Lundvall, 40, of Vinton. Lundvall was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Failure to Appear. Lundvall was transported to the Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office and held.

PRESS RELEASE
National Correctional Officer's Week 2014
This year, National Correctional Officers and Employees Week is May 4-10, 2014. It's an opportunity to honor the men and women who serve as Correctional Officers. Correctional Officers have the difficult and oftentimes dangerous assignment of ensuring the custody, safety and well-being of the over 600,000 inmates in our Nation's jails and prisons. Their position is essential to the day-to-day operations of these institutions. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed Proclamation 5187 creating "National Correctional Officers Week." The first full week in May has since been recognized as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week to honor the work of correctional officers and correctional personnel nationwide. So, this May, take a moment to express your appreciation for the Correctional Officers working behind the scenes in your area.

PRESS RELEASE
Independence Man Dead in Train Incident
On Thursday, May 08, 2014 at approximately 9:15 pm, the Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office received a report from Canadian National Railroad officials that a CN train had struck an individual that had been on the railroad tracks near the Wapsipinicon River just outside of the city limits of Independence. According to the investigation, CN train operators observed a male lying on the railroad tracks on the east side of the Wapsipinicon River that runs through Independence. Emergency brakes were applied but the nearly mile-long 76 car eastbound CN train was unable to stop and struck the individual. The individual, identified as Thomas Lee Davis, 40, of Independence, was pronounced dead at the scene. No foul play is suspected in this incident. Emergency officials were on scene for approximately three hours while the initial investigation was performed. The body was removed from the scene and transported to the Buchanan County Health Center in Independence by Area Ambulance Service and will be transferred to the State Medical Examiner’s Office in Ankeny for an autopsy. It may be several weeks before toxicology reports and other details are available. The Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office was assisted at the scene by the Independence Police Department, Independence Fire Department, Area Ambulance Service, Iowa State Patrol and Canadian National Railroad Police.

PRESS RELEASE
On Saturday, May 10, 2014 at approximately 2:55 pm, the Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a motor vehicle accident at the intersection 140th Street and Fairbank-Amish Blvd southeast of Fairbank. A 2008 Chevrolet Silverado operated by James Faulkner of Hazleton was traveling west on 140th street when he failed to stop at a stop sign at Fairbank-Amish Blvd. Faulkner entered the intersection and struck a 2001 Chevrolet Blazer operated by Frank Vaughn of Waterloo. The Vaughn vehicle rolled once and came to rest on its wheels in the southwest ditch. The Faulkner vehicle came to rest on the roadway. Vaughn and a passenger, Carmen Vaughn of Waterloo were transported by Fairbank Ambulance and Oelwein Mercy Ambulance to Allen Hospital in Waterloo with minor injuries. Faulkner was uninjured in the incident and was issued citations for Failure to Obey Stop Sign and Failure to Yield Upon Entering Highway. Damage was estimated at $3,500 to the Faulkner vehicle. The Vaughn vehicle was considered a total loss. The Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office was assisted at the scene by the Fairbank Police Department, Fairbank Fire Department, Fairbank Ambulance and Oelwein Mercy Ambulance.
PRESS RELEASE
National Police Week 2014

Police Officers, Sheriff’s Deputies, State Troopers, Park Rangers, Federal Agents and many other law enforcement officials all work hard every day for the safety of others. They protect our loved ones and are among first to respond when something has gone wrong. They are willing to lay down their lives for us, and many have. Celebrate everything our nation’s law enforcement officers do to keep people safe in our cities, counties and states during National Police Week, May 11-17, 2014.

National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations to honor America’s law enforcement community. It began in 1962 when President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. In 1994, President Bill Clinton ordered that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff on all government buildings on May 15th each year.

Americans use the week to pay special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty as well as to give thanks to officers who protect and serve every day.

PRESS RELEASE
On Saturday, May 10, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested Danielle Grace Platte, 19, of Jesup. Platte was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for an original charge of Perjury (class D felony). This arrest was made in the 1700 blk Third Street NE in Independence.

PRESS RELEASE
On Sunday, May 11, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested Timothy Devan Postel, 30, of Quasqueton. Postel was arrested and charged with Possession of Lithium with Intent to Manufacture (class D felony) and Possession of Ethyl Ether with Intent to Manufacture (class D felony). This arrest was made following a traffic stop in the 1900 blk Keokuk Avenue.

PRESS RELEASE
On Sunday, May 11, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested Michael Kevin David Busker, 23, of Independence. Busker was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance – Marijuana (serious misdemeanor) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (simple misdemeanor). This arrest was made following a welfare check in the 200 blk Sixteenth Avenue NW in Independence.

PRESS RELEASE
On Sunday, May 11, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested Sheila Ann Fangman, 58, of Independence. Fangman was arrested and charged with Driving While License Revoked (serious misdemeanor). This arrest was made following a traffic stop near First Street East and Terrance Drive in Independence.

PRESS RELEASE
On Monday, May 12, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested Clemen John Bockenstedt, 27, of Jesup. Bockenstedt was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Probation Violation. Bockenstedt was transported to the Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office and held.

PRESS RELEASE
On Tuesday, May 13, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested Jayson Mathew Beebe, 24, of Spring Lake Park, MN. Beebe was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Failure to Appear. Beebe was transported to the Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office and held.

PRESS RELEASE
On Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at approximately 2:05 pm, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Deputies responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident near the 49 mile marker of I-380. A 2003 Peterbuilt semi operated by Ricki Updike was traveling northbound on I-380 when traffic began slowing for a...
construction zone. Traffic ahead of Updike braked abruptly, causing Updike to brake abruptly as well. This caused Updike's cargo, consisting of numerous steel rods, to break loose and go forward into the back of the cab of the semi. Updike then turned to the left and entered the median where some of the steel rods fell off the trailer and into the traffic way and median/ditch. No injuries were reported and the semi was the only vehicle damaged in the incident. The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Iowa State Patrol, Iowa Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and the Iowa Department of Transportation.

PRESS RELEASE
On Wednesday, May 14, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Henry J Borntrager, 38, of Hazleton. Borntrager was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Black Hawk County. This arrest was made in the 1200 blk Indiana Avenue. Borntrager was released to the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office.

PRESS RELEASE
On Sunday, May 18, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jeremy John Paris, 39, of Lamont. Paris was arrested and charged with Circumventing Ignition Interlock Device (serious misdemeanor), Violation of Restricted Driver License (serious misdemeanor) and Possession of Open Container (simple misdemeanor). This arrest was made in the 200 blk North Water Street in Quasqueton.

PRESS RELEASE
On Sunday, May 18, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Seth Francis Dana, 29, of Jesup. Dana was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor). Dana was also issued a citation for Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance. This arrest was made in the 1700 blk Central Avenue near Littleton.

PRESS RELEASE
On Monday, May 19, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Douglas Michael Hogan, Jr., 26, of Independence. Hogan was arrested and charged with Suborning Perjury (class D felony). Hogan was held at the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office.

PRESS RELEASE
On Tuesday, May 20, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Joel Joseph VanNevele, 42, of Oelwein. VanNevele was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Probation Violation. VanNevele was held at the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office.

PRESS RELEASE
On Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at approximately 3:05 pm, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident on Otterville Blvd near Grant Avenue. A 1997 Ford F250 operated by Eugene Bunnell of Jesup was traveling east on Otterville Blvd when he stopped for a flagger at a construction zone. A 2014 Chevrolet Silverado operated by Craig Sperfslage of Winthrop was also traveling east of Otterville Blvd. As Sperfslage approached the construction area, he did not immediately see the Bunnell vehicle stopped in the roadway. Sperfslage applied his brakes and swerved, but collided with the right rear of the Bunnell Vehicle in the roadway. No injuries were reported. Sperfslage was issued a citation for Failure to Stop in Assured Clear Distance.

PRESS RELEASE
On Tuesday, May 20, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Louis Lavern Ostlie, 56, of Jesup. Ostlie was arrested and charged with first offense Operating While Intoxicated (serious misdemeanor). This arrest was made after a deputy observed signs of intoxication from Ostlie in the 1300 blk Sixth Street in Jesup.
PRESS RELEASE
On Friday, May 23, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Morgan Jean Paulson, 16, of Independence. Paulson was arrested and charged with Assault with Intent to Commit Injury (aggravated misdemeanor). This arrest was made following an incident in the 2200 blk Iowa Avenue west of Independence.

PRESS RELEASE
On Saturday, May 24, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested James Howard Aaron, 18, of Independence. Aaron was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance – Marijuana (serious misdemeanor). This arrest was made following a traffic stop near 220th Street and Racine Avenue south of Winthrop.

PRESS RELEASE
On Saturday, May 24, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Manni Jo Pirillo, 17, of Fayette. Pirillo was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver (class D felony), Possession of Controlled Substance – Marijuana (serious misdemeanor) and Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor (simple misdemeanor). This arrest was made in the 200 blk Fifth Avenue NE in Independence.

PRESS RELEASE
On Saturday, May 24, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Brianne Kay Armstead, 19, of Independence. Armstead was arrested and charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (simple misdemeanor) and No Driver License (simple misdemeanor). This arrest was made following a traffic stop in the 300 blk Eighth Avenue NE in Independence.

PRESS RELEASE
On Sunday, May 25, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Alexander Michael Joseph Carlson, 18, of Mount Auburn. Carlson was arrested and charged with Driving While License Revoked (serious misdemeanor), Possession of Controlled Substance – Marijuana (serious misdemeanor) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (simple misdemeanor). Carlson was also issued citations for Fraudulent Use of Registration, Unlawful Use of Driver License and Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance. This arrest was made in the 100 blk South Madison Street in Hazleton. The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Fayette County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit.

PRESS RELEASE
On Sunday, May 25, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Ryan Scott McCall, 20, of Hazleton and Blaze Alen Schoultz, 17, of Hazleton. McCall and Schoultz were arrested and each charged with Possession of Controlled Substance – Marijuana (serious misdemeanor) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (simple misdemeanor). These arrests were made following the discovery of controlled substances and the execution of a subsequent search warrant in the 100 blk South Madison Street in Hazleton.

PRESS RELEASE
On Sunday, May 25, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Nicole Marie Yerkes, 30, of Independence. Yerkes was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor). Yerkes was also issued a citation for Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance. This arrest was made following a traffic stop near Sixth Avenue and Seventh Street NE in Independence.

PRESS RELEASE
On Sunday, May 25, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Eric Christopher Rogers, 25, of Quasqueton. Rogers was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor). Rogers was also issued a citation for Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance. This arrest was made following a traffic stop near Stewart Avenue and Buffalo Creek Blvd south of Winthrop.
PRESS RELEASE
On Tuesday, May 27, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested Austin Ray Even, 20, of Cedar Falls. Even was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor) and Failure to File SR22 Insurance (simple misdemeanor). This arrest was made 1500 blk 190th Street west of Otterville.

PRESS RELEASE
On Tuesday, May 27, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested Christopher Kory Stuart Rose, 20, of Jesup. Rose was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Failure to Appear on an original charge of Driving While License Suspended (simple misdemeanor). Rose was held at the Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office.

PRESS RELEASE
On Thursday, May 29, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested Kyara Renee Redmond, 14, of Cedar Rapids. Redmond was arrested and charged with Attempt to Commit Murder (class B felony), Going Armed with Intent (class D felony), Intimidation with a Dangerous Weapon (class D felony), Willful Injury (class D felony) and Assault with Intent to Inflict Injury (aggravated misdemeanor). This arrest was made after an incident at Four Oaks on the MHI Campus in the 2200 blk Iowa Avenue southwest of Independence. Redmond was also charged with Assault (simple misdemeanor) stemming from another incident on May 23, 2014. Redmond was taken into custody and later transferred to a Juvenile Detention Center. She has been referred to Juvenile Court Services.

PRESS RELEASE
On Friday, May 30, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested Larry Edwin Shannon, 48, of Oelwein. Shannon was arrested and charged with Driving While License Barred (aggravated misdemeanor) and Failure to File SR22 Insurance (simple misdemeanor). This arrest was made following a deputy’s observation in the 100 blk S Main Street in Hazleton.

PRESS RELEASE
Quasqueton Man Dead in Home Incident

The Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office has concluded an investigation into an incident which left a Quasqueton man dead. On Saturday, May 31, 2014 at approximately 1:15 am, the Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office received a 911 report of a male trapped underneath a vehicle at a residence in the 700 blk E Linn Street in Quasqueton. The investigation has determined that Brandon John Smith, 25, of Quasqueton, was working in a garage underneath a stock car type vehicle when the vehicle came off the jack stand and came down onto Smith. Smith was removed from underneath the vehicle and CPR was administered, but Smith died from the incident. The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Quasqueton Fire Department, Area Ambulance Service and Covenant AirCare.

PRESS RELEASE
On Saturday, May 31, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested Dalean Dawn VanBrocklin, 33, of Jesup. VanBrocklin was arrested and charged with third degree Burglary (class D felony) and Criminal Trespass (simple misdemeanor). This arrest was made following an investigation into an incident in the 2000 blk Black Hawk-Buchanan Avenue south of Jesup. This incident remains under investigation and further charges may be pending.

PRESS RELEASE
On Saturday, May 31, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested Kenneth Edwin Barnes, 29, of Independence. Barnes was arrested on an active arrest warrant out of Buchanan County for Failure to Appear. Barnes was held at the Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office.

PRESS RELEASE
On Saturday, May 31, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested Jeremy Michael
Quario, 30, of Hazleton. Quario was arrested and charged with Bigamy (serious misdemeanor). Quario was held at the Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office.

PRESS RELEASE
On Saturday, May 31, 2014, Buchanan County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested Darius James Hernandez, 17, of Cedar Rapids. Hernandez was arrested and charged with first degree Arson (class B felony). This arrest was made after an incident at Four Oaks on the MHI Campus in the 2200 blk Iowa Avenue southwest of Independence. Hernandez was transported to the Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office and held.