DENMARK - Lee County Sheriff’s Department is investigating a shooting that occurred on the north side of Denmark this morning.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber confirmed that an individual had been shot in Denmark and that a juvenile was in custody in connection with the shooting. He also indicated that there was no danger to the public.

Sheriff’s deputies, Lee County EMS, Denmark fire and rescue personnel and AirEvac and Lee County Attorney Ross Braden were on the scene at a residence at the north end of 7th Street in Denmark at around noon. Weber said the victim was being airlifted to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

A low flying plane was also observed just prior to the helicopter landing on a hill just north of the property.

Weber said more information could be released as the investigation unfolds. No motive for the shooting or additional information on the type of gun used has been released.

The following press release was issued today at 3:10 p.m.:

Today at 11:52 AM, the Lee County Sheriff’s Office was summoned to 79 7th Street in Denmark, Iowa.

The nature of the incident was for a man who was possibly shot.

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Saturday shooting
Rescue personnel from Denmark Fire and Rescue, Lee County EMS and AirEvac ready to transport a victim of a gun shot wound to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. According to Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber, allegedly a boy at the residence had shot his father.

Two more from Keokuk nabbed by task force

LEE COUNTY - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Keokuk, Iowa man and woman on felony and misdemeanor drug charges.

On March 8, 2017, during a traffic stop in Lee County, Kenneth Michael Howell, 23, and Jessica Marie Blaise, 28, both of Keokuk, Iowa were arrested on felony and misdemeanor drug charges.

Howell is charged with possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine in excess of five grams, a class B felony, drug tax stamp violation, a class D felony, maintaining a drug house, an aggravated misdemeanor, four counts of possession of a controlled substance (tramadol, diazepam, vyvanse, dextroamphetamine, and amphetamine), serious misdemeanors, and possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor. If convict-

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County drug police going on 25 busts in 38 days

Officials say it’s just good timing

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - Since Jan. 26, a mere 38 days, the county drug task force has processed 25 arrests on drug related charges in the area, including five this week. Keokuk Assistant Police Chief Jay Whitaker, who serves as commander of the Lee County Narcotics Task Force said there really hasn’t been a ratcheting up of efforts, but more of things just falling into place.

“These things ebb and flow. As far as an uptick in arrests, it’s just the way things have fallen into place,” Whitaker said.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber, a four-year veteran of the task force said this is all an accumulation of investigations.

“That’s what happens when intel flows in. Sometimes it seems like nothing is going on, but these guys are out there working leads and doing buys,” Weber said. “Jay’s doing a good job and the investigators are doing a good job and we’re getting after it. We want to support them with a dog as soon as we can.”

Whitaker said he’s worked with Weber in the past and that relationship helps because they both understand the process and there’s not a lot of pressure.

Factor in a new county attorney, a new sheriff and Whitaker who’s only been in place since December said people might get the impressions that the new law enforcement is increasing pressure on drug usage in the area.

“The investigators have several different investigations going on at one time. Sometimes you have where a half dozen come together at the same time. You can also have times where you have one or two that come together and those lead to other people and arrests come out of those arrests.”

But Whitaker said there have been times since he’s taken over, where he sits at his desk.

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The way things have fallen into place, “Whitaker said.

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Suspect in county juvenile lockup

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This information was gathered by a deputy during a traffic stop on a family member who was driving to the aforementioned address in Denmark at a high rate of speed. The Deputy ascertained from the family member that a father was shot by his son.

The deputy sent the Denmark Rescue and additional deputies to the house. Upon arrival, they located an adult male subject suffering from two gunshot wounds.

The suspect was taken into custody, in the city limits of Fort Madison, Iowa by officers of the Fort Madison Police Department and transported to the Juvenile Detention Center next to our office, here in Montrose.

Crime scene

Lee County Sheriff’s deputies along with rescue personnel work the scene of a shooting Saturday at around 12:30 p.m. Deputies were alerted after pulling over a speeding vehicle enroute to Denmark who indicated a family member had been shot.

Charges on the juvenile will be willful injury and additional charges may be filed at a later time.

The Denmark Fire and Rescue, Lee County EMS, Air Evac and the Lee County Attorney Randall Braden assisted at the scene.

The Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division will conduct this investigation under the supervision of Chief Deputy Will Conlee and it is considered ongoing at this time.

Further information will be provided when it is available.

County drug cops rack up arrests

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ed, Howell faces up to 36 years and 30 days in a state correctional facility. Blassie is charged with maintaining a drug house, an aggravated misdemeanour. If convicted, Blassie faces up to 2 years in a state correctional facility.

The arrests of Howell and Blassie stem from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that they were involved in the use and/or distribution of illegal narcotics in the Lee County area. A search warrant was served in connection to this investigation and items that support the charges were discovered.

The Lee County Attorney’s Office, Iowa State Patrol, Iowa State Penitentiary K9 Unit, Keokuk Police Department and the Department of Human Services assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.
GRECO TOURNEY RESULTS

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Mohrfeld, Wyrick win titles

BY PCC STAFF

MARSHALLTOWN - The Fort Madison Sailfish brought home three first-place finishes and two 2nds at the 2017 YMCA State Swim meet on March 4.

Jacob Mohrfeld swimming in the 13-14 age group took first place in the 100-yard breaststroke, while Brayden Wyrick took first place in the 9-10 boys group in the 50-yard breaststroke and the 100-yard breast stroke.

The Boys 9-10 year old 200-yard freestyle relay team of John Cottrell, Aiden Benda, Samuel Hasenclever and Brayden Wyrick took 2nd place with a time of 2:08.12, (2nd place)

Boys 9-10 200-yard freestyle relay
John Cottrell, Aiden Benda, Samuel Hasenclever and Brayden Wyrick, 2:08.12 (2nd place)

Boys 9-10 200 yard medley relay
Aiden Benda, Brandan Wyrick, John Cottrell and Sam Hasenclever, 2:20.87 (2nd place)

Boys 9-10 100 yard Breaststroke
Aiden Wyrick, 1:06.06 (1st Place)

Boys 9-10 50 yard Breaststroke
John Cottrell - 29.81 (3rd Place)

Boys 12-21 200-yard Breaststroke
Jacob Mohrfeld - 2:32.09 (4th place)

Boys 9-10 50-yard Freestyle
John Cottrell - 29.81 (3rd Place)

Boys 9-10 50-yard Fly
John Cottrell - 33.64 (5th Place)

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Boys 9-10 100-yard Individual Medley
Brayden Wyrick, 1:19.13 (5th Place)

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and goes through notes, surveillance documents and what he gets from the investigators and you wonder what's going on, because nothing seems to be falling into place.

"Without being able to create probable cause you can't get momentum during those times," he said.

"The sheriff and county attorney are very supportive," he said.

"Also they all know each other and they know the investigators and work close with them. The sheriff understands, and he worked in that office for years and he understands you have to allow those investigation to have the freedom to do their work."

Lee County had been a hot bed for home-cooked methamphetamine, but what he's seeing now is an abuse of prescription medication.

He said that meth use wasn't what it was 10 years ago when locals were cooking batches, but now it's crystal meth and it's being brought into the area.

"Before I became commander of the task force, we thought there was a huge problem with abuse of prescription meds. And now that I'm in that place, I'm correct."

"It's not uncommon, he said, for people who get addicted to pain medication and other prescriptions to move to heroin as a cheaper, more accessible street drug.

"That's sad, it truly is. The first time I became aware of it, when it really started opening my eyes was during the primary when Chris Christie spoke about his friend that lost everything because of prescription meds. It really opened my eyes to going in for a simple surgery and - boom - a year later you could be in a downward spiral."

Whitaker said.

The LCNTF consists of investigators from all three main law enforcement agencies including Lee County Sheriff's Dept, Keokuk Police Department and the Fort Madison Police Department.

The Lee County Attorney's office oversees the group and there's a control board consisting of the Keokuk and Fort Madison chiefs of police Dave Hinton and Tim Sittig, Weber, and a representative with state Department of Narcotics Enforcement.

Each entity participates in helping with the budget by providing the officers and deputies, and some grant funding rounds out the budget for the group.

Whitaker said grants have decreased over the past 10 to 15 years but the local governments are pretty good at helping make up the difference.

Celebrating 40 years

Matt Mohrfeld and employees of Matt’s Greenhouse are pictured recently being honored by the FM Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club. Congratulations, Matt’s Greenhouse!

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