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(Neb.)-Chadron Man Arrested After WING Drug Investigation

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(Chadron)-A Chadron man was arrested after a call regarding a missing juvenile led police to discover drugs in the man's possession. According to a press release from the Chadron Police Department, sometime during the early morning hours Monday, Chadron police officers responded to a missing juvenile call and had contact with a residence 154 Maple Street in Chadron. Officers were able to locate the missing juvenile and also smelled the odor of marijuana coming from inside the residence.

The juvenile was transported to the Chadron hospital and treated for LSD chemical toxicity and later released. A search warrant was served by the Chadron Police Department and WING on the residence and the officers seized marijuana in an amount less than one ounce, drug paraphernalia, a scale, packaging material consistent with the use/transportation of LSD, suspected Psilocybin mushroom and an unknown white powdery substance.

WING Task Force Commander Nebraska State Patrol Sergeant Dana Korell said LSD is a powerful semi-synthetic psychedelic drug, and is well known for its psychological effects that can include altered thinking processes, and produces adverse psychiatric reactions such as anxiety, paranoia, and delusions. Korell stated psilocybin mushrooms are also well-known as psychedelic mushrooms, commonly called "shrooms" and produce psychedelic effects such as shifts in perception.

Korell went on to say that MDMA is commonly known as "ecstasy or molly" and can cause euphoria, diminished anxiety and mild psychedelic effects, and that all three of these drugs are extremely dangerous and these types of investigations and arrests are significant from a standpoint of impacting the use and availability of these exceptionally hazardous drugs in communities.

Sergeant Korell said that based on the initial investigation by Chadron Police Officers and the subsequent search warrant at the residence on Sunday, WING investigators were able to setup the purchase of ten hits of LSD from two suspects Wednesday afternoon. WING investigators assisted by patrol officers from the Chadron PD and the Nebraska State Patrol arrested a 17-year-old juvenile male from Scottsbluff and 18-year-old Brody Gramberg of Chadron for delivery of an exceptionally hazardous controlled substance, a class II felony; two charges of possession of an exceptionally hazardous controlled substance, also a class II felony; and possession of marijuana less than one ounce, an infraction. Both are being held at the Dawes County Jail on 10% of \$50,000.00 bond."

WING officers served three subsequent search warrants on Wednesday. One was served on a Ford Explorer belonging to the 17-year-old, one on a Dodge Durango belonging to Gramberg and one on an apartment in Chadron. Sergeant Korell said investigators found more suspected LSD and MDMA and a marijuana pipe in the Ford Explorer and marijuana less than an ounce as well as marijuana pipes and paraphernalia in the Durango.

According to Korell, task force investigators continued their investigation in Chadron late into the evening and their investigation led them to the Sidney, NE area, where a subsequent search warrant was served by local authorities and WING. A press release is forthcoming from Sidney Police Chief BJ Wilkinson. Sergeant Korell goes on to say that they will continue their investigation and suspect that there will be subsequent arrests in the coming weeks. Korell said Chadron has been an interesting area for the task force from the standpoint that it

seems to be the only area, in the Panhandle, that they commonly see LSD and Psilocybin mushrooms consistently.

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