



Press Release- Traffic/Drug Arrest Macomb, IL

Thursday, March 17, 2022

On Tuesday, 03/15/2022 at approximately 12:50 am, A Macomb Police Officer attempted to stop a vehicle, after the driver violated several traffic laws. The vehicle refused to stop for the officer. The officer continued to follow the vehicle and was eventually able to stop the vehicle inside a parking lot of a local business, with the assistance of additional units.

Upon further investigation, officers determined there was a large quantity of Crystal Methamphetamine (field tested positive) inside the vehicle and on the driver's person (Larry K. Knotts, WM, DOB 06-14-87). A large quantity of cash and miscellaneous jewelry were also located during the investigation. Furthermore, there was an infant child inside the vehicle, who was not properly secured in a child safety seat at the time of the stop. The child and passenger were safely escorted from the vicinity of the preliminary investigation by officers.

Knotts was placed under arrest and was transported to the McDonough County Jail for lodging. Investigators assisted and later determined that Knotts provided a false name to officers during the initial investigation. Additionally, investigators determined that Knotts was previously involved in a high-speed chase with Burlington, IA authorities and was wanted on a felony warrant.

Knotts is charged with the following:

Possession of Methamphetamine 15-100 grams, Methamphetamine Trafficking, Obstructing Justice/Evidence Destruction, Aggravated Fleeing/Eluding, Endangering the Life or Health of a Child, and Obstructing Identification. Knotts was further cited for: Driving While License Suspended, Child Safety Seat, Improper Lane Usage, Wrong Way on a One-Way Street, Disobey Stop Sign. All subjects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The Macomb Police Department was assisted by the McDonough County Sheriff's Office and the Illinois State Police.

The Macomb Police Department tirelessly strives to serve our community with equity, transparency, inclusivity, fairness, dignity, and respect. We investigate all matters thoroughly and in an unbiased manner. We value the safety and security of our community members and various stakeholders in our city. At the heart of every public contact is the dedication of every officer. Together we can accomplish everything.