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Traffic Arrest(s):

On 02/20/2015, an Officer stopped a vehicle within the 4200 block of 11th Street for an equipment violation. A search of the motor vehicle was conducted by the Officer which resulted in the subsequent seizure of Xanax pills. The driver, **Benjamin R. Koepsel**, 21, of Winthrop Harbor was subsequently taken into custody. Koepsel was issued citations for No Rear Registration Light, Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Attempted Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Driving While License Suspended. Koepsel was later released by a notice to appear pending a future court date.

Hit and Run Report:

On 02/27/2015, an Officer was dispatched to a hit and run report that occurred within the 1200 block of Sheridan Road. The Officer located the suspected motor vehicle in the area and stopped the vehicle within the 1300 block of Sheridan Road. The driver, **Thomas T. Chapman**, 47, of Winthrop Harbor was subsequently taken into custody after failing field sobriety tests. Thomas T. Chapman was issued citations for Failure to Give Information after Striking Unattended Vehicle, Driving While License Revoked, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Driving Under The Influence of Alcohol with a BAC over 0.08. Thomas T. Chapman was later released by a notice to appear pending a future court date.

Domestic Battery:

On 02/28/2015, Officers were dispatched to a domestic battery in progress within the 500 block of North Park Avenue. After interviews and further investigation conducted by the

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Officers resulted in the subsequent arrest of **William J. Hood**, 44, of Winthrop Harbor. This case was later reviewed by the Lake County States Attorney's Office and William J. Hood was issued a citation for Domestic Battery. William J. Hood was later transported to the Lake County Jail pending a bond hearing.

Note: Any person charged with an offense has the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law. Persons named here in are merely alleged to have committed the offense(s) they are accused of.