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Traffic Arrests:

On 03/12/2015, an Officer stopped a vehicle within the 600 block of Sheridan Road for not having a front registration plate displayed on the motor vehicle. The driver, **Donte J. Franklin**, 27, of Winthrop Harbor was subsequently taken into custody after the Officer confirmed his Illinois Driver's License had been suspended. Franklin was issued citations for No Front Registration Plate and Driving While License Suspended. Franklin was later released by a notice to appear pending a future branch court date.

On 03/14/2015, Officers were dispatched to a property damage accident. The driver, **Christine L. Wypych**, 37, of Beach Park was subsequently taken into custody for suspicion of being intoxicated. Wypych was issued a citation for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Wypych was later released by a notice to appear pending a future branch court date.

On 03/14/2015, an Officer stopped a vehicle within the 1300 block of Sheridan Road for improper display of registration plate. The driver, **Abdel Hakim Hammad**, 24, of Kenosha, Wisconsin was subsequently taken into custody after the Officer confirmed his Wisconsin Driver's License had been suspended. Hammad was issued citations for Improper Display of Registration Plate and Driving While License Suspended. Hammad was later released by a notice to appear pending a future branch court date.

On 03/16/2015, an Officer stopped a vehicle within the 900 block of Sheridan Road for speeding. The driver, **Cherise S. Goss**, 24, of Waukegan was subsequently taken into custody after the Officer confirmed her Illinois Driver's License had been suspended. Goss

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was issued citations for Speeding and Driving While License Suspended. Goss was later released by a notice to appear pending a future branch court date.

On 03/17/2015, an Officer stopped a vehicle within the 2300 block of Sheridan Road for a lane violation. The driver, **Karen L. Becker**, 48, of Kenosha, Wisconsin was subsequently taken into custody after failing field sobriety tests. Becker was issued citations for Improper Lane Usage, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol with a BAC over 0.08. Becker was later released by a notice to appear pending a future branch court date.

On 03/20/2015, an Officer stopped a vehicle within the 400 block of Sheridan Road for improper signaling. The driver, **Willie J. Brooks**, 25, of Zion was subsequently taken into custody after the Officer confirmed his Illinois Driver's License had been suspended. A search of the motor vehicle was conducted by the Officer which resulted in the subsequent seizure of purported cocaine, two separate Illinois scheduled pills, cannabis, digital scale, and miscellaneous drug paraphernalia. The front seat passenger, **William L. Murphy**, 25, of Zion was subsequently taken into custody. This case was later screened by the Lake County States Attorney's Office. Brooks was issued citations for Unlawful Use of Signal, Driving While License Suspended, Unlawful Possession of Cannabis, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (3 counts), and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with the Intent to Deliver. Murphy was issued citations for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (3 counts), and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with the Intent to Deliver. Brooks and Murphy were both 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.

