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Felony Retail Theft Arrest

On December 8th, 2015, at approximately 3:00 PM, the Woodstock Police Department responded to Menards, located at 2100 Lake Ave., in reference to an in-progress felony retail theft, where a male subject just stole two pneumatic nail guns.

It was reported that the male offender left the area in a red sports utility vehicle in which an Illinois registration number was provided to responding officers. The vehicle, which was being driven by a female subject, was located in the area of the 1000 block of East Kimball Ave. and was pulled over by a Woodstock Police Officer. The male suspect immediately exited the passenger's door and fled on foot. The female driver was detained and other responding Woodstock Police Officers and Detectives pursued the male suspect on foot.

A perimeter was immediately set in the area of 1033 Wanda Ln. where the male suspect was last seen. Woodstock K-9 Officer Freund and her K-9 "Blue" were summoned to the scene to begin an area search in an attempt to locate the suspect. The area search led to a locked van parked in the parking lot of Jim Potts Motor Group, which "Blue" alerted on the rear doors of the van. The van was opened and the suspect was found hiding under a rear seat and then immediately taken into custody without further incident.

The male suspect was identified as 30 year old Rockford resident Garry D. Bielefeldt and the female driver was identified as 30 year old Gina N. Dawsey, also from Rockford. Dawsey was arrested for Driving While License Suspended and transported to the Woodstock Police Department, along with Bielefeldt.

Bielefeldt was interviewed by Woodstock detectives about this incident, as well as another on-going investigation, where he was previously suspected and identified stealing items from the Woodstock Menards on September 27th, 2015. Bielefeldt also had other outstanding arrest warrants from other jurisdictions for similar crimes.

After conferring with the McHenry County States Attorney's Office, the following charges were approved:

**Bielefeldt (12/08/15 event): Retail Theft (Over \$500.00) - Class 3 felony
Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance – Class 4 felony
Resisting a Peace Officer – Class A misdemeanor**



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**Bielefeldt (09/27/15 event): Forgery – Class 3 felony
Retail Theft (Over \$500.00) – Class 3 felony**

Dawsey (12/08/15 event): Driving While License Suspended – Class A misdemeanor

Bielefeldt and Dawsey were both transported to the McHenry County Adult Correctional Facility, where they remain in custody as of December 10th. Bielefeldt's bond was set at \$60,000.00 and his next court appearance is on December 11th, 2015. Dawsey's bond was set at \$2,000.00 and her next court appearance is also set for December 11th, 2015.