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La Porte Police Make Arrest for Unlawfully Carrying a Firearm

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The La Porte Police Department has released the arrest reports for the dates of July 29-Aug.8.

- On July 30 at 10:37 p.m. the La Porte Police Department was executing a warrant round-up on two suspects allegedly wanted for felony warrants. Officers arrived on the scene and managed to make contact with the two wanted suspects, 21-year-old Harold May and 26-year-old Aaron May, both of La Porte. Upon making contact with the two, the officers noticed several plastic bags containing what they believed to be an illegal substance. Further investigation by the officers along with a field test of the substance allegedly confirmed that the substance was the illegal drug heroin. Both were taken into custody in respects to the outstanding warrants and an added charge of possession of a controlled substance was also added. Both were processed through the city of La Porte on one count of possession of a controlled substance along with the outstanding felony warrants.
- On July 31 at 1:29 a.m. a La Porte Police officer observed what he believed to be a disturbance in progress near the 100 block of West Main in La Porte. Upon further investigation, the officer made contact with the subject, 33-year-old Noe Araiza of La Porte. While questioning Araiza the officer allegedly suspected him to be under the influence and possibly above the legal limit. Further questioning from the officer along with several tests allegedly confirmed the officer's suspicions and Araiza was taken into custody for processing on one count of public intoxication.
- On Aug. 1 at 2:40 a.m. a La Porte Police officer noticed a suspicious person walking near the 500 block of North First Street in La Porte. The officer moved on to check on the subject who appeared to be possibly intoxicated. The officer made contact with the subject, 51-year-old Patrick Young of La Porte. Upon questioning Young, the officer allegedly suspected him to be above the legal limit and possibly above the legal limit. Further investigation by the officer allegedly confirmed his suspicions and Young was subsequently taken into custody for processing one count of public intoxication.
- On Aug. 1 at 6:25 p.m. the La Porte Police Department dispatched several officers in response to an alleged suspect with a gun. When officers arrived on the scene near the 9700 block of Rocky Hollow Road in La Porte the suspect had allegedly fled the scene, however witnesses reported that the suspect had left the residence highly intoxicated and could be a threat to his own life and others. While officers were at the scene the suspect, 52-year-old Jack Hancock of La Porte, allegedly drove up. Officers immediately contacted Hancock and questioned him regarding the incident. At that time the questioning officers allegedly detected the presence of alcohol on the person of Hancock. Hancock was ordered out of the vehicle and at that time officers were able to determine that he was under the influence and above the legal limit. Hancock was subsequently taken into custody for processing, however a routine sweep of the contents of the vehicle allegedly revealed the gun involved in the disturbance. Hancock was processed on one count of driving while intoxicated and one count of unlawfully carrying a firearm.
- On Aug. 1 at 9:14 p.m. a La Porte Police officer was dispatched to the scene of an alleged minor hit and run accident near the 1300 block of Fairmont Parkway. The officer made contact with the victim of the hit and run accident and managed get an accurate description of the alleged vehicle. The officer set out to locate the vehicle and was able to locate the vehicle near

and execute a stop. The officer made contact with 24-year-old Andre Leblanc of La Porte. After questioning Leblanc, the officers determined that he was involved in a minor accident, fled the scene and failed to leave behind his information. Leblanc was taken into custody for processing on one count of failure to stop and give information.

- On Aug. 3 at 12:03 a.m. the La Porte Police Department dispatched several officers in response to a suspicious person creating a disturbance and possibly intoxicated. Upon arrival, officers located the suspect, 29-year-old Phillip Garcia of La Porte, near the 3100 block of South Broadway. Officers questioned Garcia regarding his reason for being in the area in the wee hours of the morning. At that time officers suspected him to be under the influence and possibly above the legal limit. Further investigation by the officers allegedly confirmed their suspicions and Garcia was taken into custody for processing on one count of public intoxication.

- On Aug. 3 at 5:52 p.m. a La Porte Police officer executed a traffic stop on a vehicle for a minor traffic infraction near the 6400 block of Highway 225. The officer made contact with driver, 35-year-old James Moreland of Pasadena, and immediately suspected him of concealing something within the vehicle. After further questioning, the officer executed a sweep of the contents of the vehicle, which allegedly yielded prescription medication. The officer also determined that Moreland was under the influence as well and subsequently took him into custody for processing on one count of driving under the influence and one count of possession of a controlled substance.

- On Aug. 8 at 5:41 p.m. a La Porte Police officer observed a suspicious vehicle showing the tell tale signs of possible intoxicated driver. After witnessing the vehicle commit a traffic violation, the officer executed a stop near the 3200 block of South Broadway Street in La Porte. The officer made contact with the driver, 49-year-old Franklin Wells of La Porte, and questioned him regarding his driving. At that time the officer allegedly detected the presence of alcohol emitting from the vehicle and suspected him to be under the influence and possibly above the legal limit. The officer asked Wells' to exit the vehicle for further questioning along with several tests. Further investigation by the officer allegedly confirmed his suspicions and Franklin Wells was taken into custody for processing on one count of driving while intoxicated.

- On Aug. 8 at 11:23 p.m. a La Porte Police officer was dispatched to the scene in response to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the 500 block of North 14th Street in La Porte. When the officer arrived on the scene he managed to get an ID on a vehicle that fit the description of the suspected vehicle. The officer moved in and made contact with the driver of the vehicle, 19-year-old Emmitt Kennedy of Hitchcock. Upon making contact with Kennedy, the officer detected the distinct odor of burnt marijuana and asked Kennedy to exit the vehicle for a routine sweep of the contents of the car. The sweep allegedly yielded a green leafy substance believed by the officer to be marijuana. Kennedy was subsequently taken into custody for processing on one count of possession of marijuana.