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## Media Release

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#### **Reference: Jacqueline Rodriguez and Jason Scheff face multiple felonies in Blue Earth County after seizure of 4.5 pounds of Methamphetamine**

On July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Agents with the Cannon River Drug and Violent Offender Task Force, the MN River Valley Drug Task Force and the MN BCA executed a search warrant at an apartment on Hilltop Lane in the city of Mankato. The tenants of the apartment were known to be Jacqueline Rodriguez, 25, and Jason Scheff, 39. Agents were conducting an ongoing narcotics investigation for the past month involving Rodriguez. Rodriguez was believed to be involved in the sale and transportation of large amounts of methamphetamine.

Upon execution of the search warrant at the residence, Agents made contact with both Scheff and Rodriguez. Their infant child was also present in the apartment. Agents subsequently located a large amount of narcotics and indicia of sales inside the apartment.

In total, Agents located and seized 4.52 pounds of Methamphetamine. There were four packages each of which contained about 1 pound of methamphetamine. The packages were located in a purse in the living room of the apartment. Additional smaller baggies of methamphetamine and cocaine were located along with numerous digital scales and empty smaller baggies. Agents also located a total of 24.27 grams of cocaine and seized \$3,100 in cash. The estimated street value of the drugs seized is \$200,000.

In one of the rooms there was a baby crib. Inside the crib, Agents located a digital scale with suspected methamphetamine residue on it.



Scheff were arrested for multiple felonies including 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Possession and Sales and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Controlled Substance Sale. Rodriguez also has an extensive history including convictions for 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Controlled Substance Possession, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Controlled Substance Possession, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Controlled Substance Possession, and a conviction for 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Assault. 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Assault is a violent crime and constitutes an aggravating factor.

CRDVOTF Commander Paul LaRoche commented, “The seizure of 4.5 pounds was significant for our area. We are pleased to prevent an upper level dealer from distributing the drugs to others in this area. We were also able to intervene an unsafe environment for the infant involved.”

CRDVOTF agents were assisted by the MN River Valley Drug Task Force, the MN BCA, and the Mankato Department of Public Safety.

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