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Press Release

Incident #: 19010563

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SUSPECT CHARGED FOLLOWING VEHICLE PURSUIT

On August 31st at 11:15 pm, Officer Nic Prigge was parked along Highway 10 near Lake Street, monitoring traffic. At this time, Office Prigge observed a white Mercury Mariner, commit a traffic violation. The driver of the vehicle, later identified as Steve C. Poissant (Age 32 – Brainard MN), made a left turn and proceeded south on Lake Street. Officer Prigge caught up to the vehicle, in the 100 block of Lake Street, and activated his emergency lighting. Poissant immediately began to accelerate at a high rate of speed south on Lake Street. Officer Prigge, joined by Sergeant Kalla were now behind him with their sirens activated.

Between Big Lake and Monticello on Highway 25, Poissant reached speeds in excess of 105 MPH. As Poissant entered Monticello, he slowed in speed until reaching I 94. Poissant entered onto I 94 and proceeded eastbound at speeds in excess of 105 MPH. At the exit to Albertville, Wright County Sheriffs Deputies successfully deployed tire deflation devices on Poissants vehicle.

Poissant came to a rapid stop, as Officer Prigge was exiting his squad car, Poissant charged at him fighting stance. Officer Prigge deployed his Taser, but its effects were unsuccessful. Officer Prigge gained distance from Poissant as he waited for other officers to arrive. Officer Prigge was communicating with Poissant, who was screaming; “just shoot me, I want to die.” Through verbal dialogue Officer Prigge was able to calm Poissant and get him to lie down on the roadway and peacefully surrender.

Poissant was found to be wanted on two outstanding arrest warrants; 2nd Degree Controlled Substances (felony), and 5th Degree Controlled Substances (gross misdemeanor). Poissant was charged by criminal complaint with; Fleeing a Police Officer in a Vehicle (felony), Driving While Revoked (misdemeanor), he was booked into the Sherburne County Jail.