

DAKOTA COUNTY SHERIFF

The Front Row

"A front row seat to the greatest show on Earth..."



Tim Leslie, Sheriff

Joe Leko, Chief Deputy

August, 2017

**Featuring Sheriff's
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and Detention
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Pat Enderlein
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Ryan Fitzgerald
Tim Fletcher
Amber Hentges
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Brian Eells
Joshua Fahey
Mike Fendrick
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"10-15"...

Those familiar with our work recognize the significance of the law enforcement "ten code." This term in Dakota County is an officer's way of relaying to dispatch that a person has been taken into custody.

On July 29th, several serious crimes culminating in the murder of Beverly Cory occurred in the City of Mendota Heights. During the next three days, detectives and officers from the Dakota County Sheriff's Office, Mendota Heights Police Department, and Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension worked tirelessly on the case to identify the suspect, Lucifer Vincent Nguyen, age 44, and to take him into custody. He has since been charged with 2nd Degree Murder, Kidnapping, multiple counts of Aggravated Robbery, and Burglary.

Deep Conversation...

Each year at the Dakota County Fair the Sheriff's Office hosts a fair booth that gives the public an opportunity to meet the people who serve them throughout the community, and have an opportunity to interact in meaningful ways. **Special Duty Deputy Kulvich** takes a few minutes to interact with a future member of the Sheriff's Dive Team to demonstrate communications while under water. The Dive Team is used to recover evidence, conduct rescue missions, and search for people and property in the waterways, lakes, and ponds in Dakota County. This exhibit is always a

favorite among our "junior deputies."



Community Engagement Team...

The month of August is always a busy time around the Sheriff's Office for our Community Engagement Team. **Sergeant Dawanna Witt, Detective Nate Severson, and Deputy Krystal Johnson** spend a great deal of time organizing community events, coordinating resources and appearances on behalf of the office, and helping make the Night to Unite the success that it is. This year was no

exception, as community members throughout Dakota County graciously opened their homes to their neighbors and Sheriff's Office staff hosting these functions. Hope to see you next year!

In The News...

Each year the Sheriff's Office highlights several wanted persons at the fair booth. Community members walking by have been instrumental in providing tips and

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generating leads as to the whereabouts of those wanted individuals. **Sheriff Leslie** was interviewed by Fox 9's Rob Olson on the yearly tradition. This year proved to be no exception, as two wanted individuals were taken into custody for felony crimes as a result of fairgoers intelligence sharing. The story can be viewed by following the link.



<http://www.fox9.com/news/273392003-video>

Scam Alert...

Each year throughout Dakota County, deputies and detectives field many complaints where people fall victim to scammers. The most common method of scamming appeals to the good nature of our community members. Some of the trending scam descriptions are:

Pet Scam - Ads are placed advertising pets for sale from out of state. A citizen calls to purchase a dog or cat and makes an initial payment through Money Gram, iTunes Gift Cards, or wire transfer. The scammer will then make repeated requests for additional funds for shipping or special handling of the animals.

Grandparent Scam - Scammers often contact older adults and pose as a grandson or granddaughter in trouble. The scammer will request grandma or grandpa wire money or send gift cards to the scammer posing as the relative.

As a way to educate our citizens about these scams, the Dakota County Sheriff's Office TRIAD Program partnered with several agencies to provide a message to senior citizens on fraud and scams.



Along with the Dakota County Community Services/Financial Empowerment Program and the Dakota County Community Development Agency, a presentation in Hastings featured Mike Marben, Director of Fraud Bureau/MN Department of Commerce, and other staff. They also provided citizens a chance to look up unclaimed property and it was a big hit!

This partnership was a success and plans are now in place to have future collaborations at multiple CDA venues around the county. Each partner comes from a different agency but we all share the goal of improving the well-being and safety of county residents.

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