

SMASH HIT MEDIA, INC.

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AS STATION MANAGER, I CAN CERTIFY THAT SMASH HIT MEDIA, INC. WIQI 95.9 CLASSIC ROCK RUNS DAILY NEWSCASTS AT 6:30 A.M., 7:30 A.M. & 5:30 P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY AND AIRS DAILY PSAS FROM AD COUNCIL AROUND THE CLOCK. ATTACHED IS A LIST OF ISSUES FROM NEWSCASTS AND LIVE INTERVIEWS FOR DIFFERENT EVENTS AND ISSUES AROUND THE COMMUNITY.

I CAN ATTEST THAT NEWSCAST AND PSAS RUN DAILY AND ISSUES ARE COVERED MONTHLY.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bakken", with a large, stylized initial "J" and "B".

JAMIE LEE BAKKEN, GENERAL MANAGER

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## WIQI 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER ISSUES

### Early morning fire in downtown Watseka

Two businesses and seven people in three apartments were displaced by an early morning fire in downtown Watseka July 5.

Watsaka Deputy Fire Chief Nick Peters said firefighters were dispatched at 5:33 a.m. The fire was at Fourth and Walnut.

"The first units on the scene found a second-floor apartment with fire showing out two of the windows," he said. "Initial reports were that the occupants had got out of all three apartments. It took some time to confirm that and we did confirm that everybody had been evacuated by themselves. There were seven people total who got displaced out of those three apartments.

"We have kept it to the main fire building," he said. The fire did not extend into the Edward Jones building, he said, though there was some smoke damage caused by the the fire department "just making sure no fire extended through the walls." Gary's Barber Shop and Travel Discoveries, which were in the building where the fire occurred, got heavy smoke and water damage.

Peters said the second floor has extensive damage. "The roof has come down in the middle part off this building, so the roof is compromised," he said. He could not say if the building would be considered a total loss as of prestige. Ameren was called to cut the power, he said. "We had to have Ameren cut the power due to the closeness that our tower ladders were operating to the high tension power lines here," he said. For most of the morning several businesses in the downtown area were closed because of that. In all, 17 fire departments responded, coming from as far away as Kankakee City, Aroma Park and Hoopston. "Kankakee came with a tower ladder," he said. "We went to a third box alarm with our MABAS box alarms, so that brought in all the help we needed," he said. By mid-morning the fire was contained. Firefighters were able to help business owners get in to help them get crucial items out of their buildings. Crews were then upstairs checking for hotspots to make sure everything was under control, he said. Also by mid-morning fire departments were being released to go back to their home stations as the situation was contained.

### Man arrested after allegedly pushing kids out of a moving vehicle

The Iroquois County Sheriff's Police arrested a a man who was witnessed pushing a 4 and 6 year-old out of a moving vehicle. According to police, on August 3, sheriffs deputies were dispatched to the 100 block of E. Park St. in Gilman for a report that Jesse K. McGhee, 40 of Gilman was seen pushing children out of a moving vehicle. Police report one of the victims sustained injuries from the incident.

Officers say McGhee fled the scene before they arrived, but after further investigation he was located and taken into custody.

McGhee was charged with two counts of domestic battery, two counts of reckless conduct, two counts of endangering the life of a child and violation of an order of protection after being served.

McGhee was taken to the Iroquois County Jail where he posted the required bond and released.

#### Paxton Police arrest 11 child predators in sting

The Paxton Police Department has now brought 11 suspected child predators out from behind their screens through a new operation. They're calling it an undercover sting.

So far, the Paxton Police Department has arrested 11 men. Nine are from Central Illinois:

Ruben Aguilera-Santoyo, 34, of Onarga

Kenneth Burklow Jr., 37, of New Lenox

Richard Durbin, 41, of Rantoul

Danny Dutton, 62, of Vandalia

Joshua Heisler, 30, of Paxton

Matthew Hickerson, 34, of Buckley

Andy Leppard, 42, of Milford

Roel Lopez, 41, of Arcola

Donald O'Toole, 37, of Danville

Robert Schaub, 25, of Gibson City

Cody Zoller, 34, of Urbana

Through the sting, an officer poses online as a teenager to lure the child predators to a Paxton motel.

Paxton Police said this is all ongoing, with more warrants to arrest three more expected soon. Coy Cornett, Paxton's Police Chief, said they also hope to add more technology to this project in the future. A cell phone and laptop computer could be used if they start to work closely with the FBI. If they do, the result of the operation may be charged in federal court instead of the state.

#### Rankin man charged with attempted murder in McKinley Park shooting

A man was charged with attempted murder in a February shooting that wounded a woman in the McKinley Park neighborhood.

Adam Lujano, 39, is accused of opening fire on a woman who was driving black sedan on Feb. 15 in the 3500 block of South Ashland Avenue, police said.

The driver was grazed by gunfire and lost control of her car, striking a light post, police said.

She was taken to the University of Chicago Medical Center where she was listed in good condition. Another man who was in the car was not injured.

Lujano, of Rankin, Illinois, was arrested Wednesday in the 2600 block of South California Avenue, police said.

Court information for Lujano was not immediately available.

#### MANHUNT IN IROQUOIS COUNTY ENDS WITH FUGITIVE ARRESTED

The Iroquois County Sheriff's Office announced late Thursday evening that the search for a fugitive in Gilman is over.

Sergeant Eric Starkey said Joel Smith was arrested just after 11 p.m. on Thursday, ending a search that lasted 36 hours and involved over 75 members of law enforcement.

The search started at 11 a.m. on Wednesday when law enforcement was informed of a sexual assault that happened aboard an Amtrak train that was stopped at Gilman's train station. Authorities learned the victim was a juvenile girl and identified Smith as the suspect. He had run away from the station by the time they arrived and the authorities launched a manhunt in the area.

After being on the run for almost a day, Smith was seen by two employees at K&H Truck Plaza when he walked into the store and bought a drink. Starkey said surveillance footage confirmed Smith was indeed there, but the employees lost sight of him after he left.

As law enforcement renewed and increased their efforts to find Smith following this sighting, a warrant for his arrest was issued and he was formally charged with criminal sexual assault.

Upon his arrest late Thursday evening, Smith was taken to the Iroquois County Jail. His bond was set at \$2 million.

The search for Smith involved Sheriff's deputies from Iroquois, Vermilion and Kankakee Counties, Illinois State Troopers, and members of the U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force. Starkey thanked several companies that aided in the search, including Eastern Illini Electric Co-op, Gilman Fertilizer, Nutrien Ag and FS, as well as the businesses and people who provided law enforcement food and water throughout the search.