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Press Release

Incident #: 19009047

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SUSPECT CHARGED WITH ASSAULT ON A POLICE OFFICER

On August 1st at 8:53 pm Officer Tyler Sinclair and Chief Joel Scharf were dispatched to the BNSF Railroad Tracks, near the Lake Street South Crossing, on a report of an intoxicated male lying on the tracks. On Officer Sinclair's arrival, he was told the following; a person later identified as Dallas Hovdestad (Age 19 – St. Cloud, MN) had been observed attempting to lay on the railroad tracks. A bystander pulled Hovdestad off the tracks, and he was now sitting in the backseat of a vehicle.

Hovdestad was found by Officer Sinclair and Chief Scharf sitting in the backseat of a vehicle drinking an open beer. Hovdestad refused to identify himself, he had all the indicators of being intoxicated. Hovdestad refused to surrender the open beer, it had to be physically pulled from him by Officer Sinclair. It was determined that what had taken place on the railroad tracks was due to intoxication. When told to step out of the vehicle, Hovdestad refused, Hovdestad had to be physically removed from the vehicle. During the resulting struggle, Hovdestad attempted to brace himself in the vehicle to resist Officers actions. Hovdestad also kicked Officer Sinclair multiple times, resulting in minor injuries. Hovdestad was subdued, handcuffed, and transported to the Sherburne County Jail.

Hovdestad was charged by criminal complaint with; 4th Degree Assault on a Police Officer (felony), Obstructing Legal Process with Force (gross misdemeanor), and Minor Consuming Alcohol (misdemeanor).