Repeat Offender—

Back in June we reported on a traffic stop that went awry when an alleged sovereign citizen interfered with the traffic stop—she was arrested and later charged with intent to escape motor vehicle tax and obstructing the legal process. On Wednesday morning, this same female was driving the same vehicle stopped in June and still without license plates. When approached by our officer, she told him she didn’t have a driver’s license, insurance, or registration because having those items would result in her committing fraud. When asked for her name and date of birth, she again refused, indicating that if she provided the information she would be committing fraud because names are trademarked. The female continued to deny the officer’s requests and she was placed under arrest. A search of the female’s car revealed the vehicle identification numbers (VIN) had been removed or made unreadable and that the car had last been registered in Minnesota in September of 2008. Once our officers were able to identify the female, she was found to have an arrest warrant for intent to escape tax. Julie L. Reyher, age 52, was formally charged with Intent to Escape Motor Vehicle Registration Tax, Operating a Motor Vehicle with Removed VIN, Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance, No Current Motor Vehicle Registration and Obstructing the Legal Process. For those not familiar with a self-proclaimed sovereign citizen, their philosophies and viewpoints can vary from person to person; however, their core beliefs are the same—the government operates outside of its jurisdiction and they do not recognize federal, state, or local laws, policies, or regulations.

Arrest Trifecta—

2030 Sunlight Avenue was active with police activity on Thursday afternoon as officers from our department, South Central Drug Investigative Unit (SCDIU) agents and the Department of Corrections were trying to apprehend a fugitive. The SCDIU received information that Mark Buskovick, a fugitive for a parole violation, was at this residence. Buskovick, age 39, was located and arrested. As a bonus, two additional wanted persons were located in the residence and were arrested—Charity A. Braulik, age 35 and Korissa L. Pratt, age 20.

Department Training and a Thank You—

A special thanks goes out to McKinley School Principal Robert Olson and all of his fantastic staff—last Friday and again this Wednesday, our officers used McKinley School as a training venue for rapid deployment training. The training was orientated to give our officers practical exercises in responding to a school-involved incident. The training was a real-life portrayal of a critical incident happening in one of our schools and was heightened by the fact the school was bustling with activity with the McKinley’s staff getting ready for the school year. Thanks for being good sports!!

Department News—

Hats off to Chief Keith Hiller who completed the on-line version of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. For the past 22-weeks, Chief Hiller has been engaged in an intensive program for law enforcement leaders that uniquely combines academic principles with practical applications. The School of Police Staff and Command challenges students to expand their thinking beyond the supervisor mindset to a more global perspective. Students learn to apply concepts discussed on-line to determine the best use of agency resources, to find workable solutions to agency issues and to achieve the overall mission of the agency. Congratulations Chief!