

Fight at convenience store ends in arrest

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WORTHINGTON — A fight at Worthington's Food N Fuel Thursday afternoon resulted in a man's arrest for assault.

According to the criminal complaint, earlier that day, Tre Quan Wright, 19, of Worthington, reported to police that his car had been keyed. He named a person he thought may have damaged his vehicle, and an officer when to look for that individual.

A couple of hours later, law enforcement was dispatched to a fight that had broken out at Food N Fuel on Diagonal Road. Wright was seen fighting with the person whose name he had earlier given to police, and two others were attempting to break it up.

When an officer attempted to intervene, Wright allegedly resisted and began spitting on the officer. Other law enforcement was needed to take Wright into custody.

According to a statement Wright gave to law enforcement, he had been at the lake when the

other person in the fight drove by, honking their horn and flipping off Wright. He then followed the other person to Food N Fuel, where they began fighting. They each broke windows on the other's car.

The other person involved in the fight reportedly told law enforcement that after Wright followed them to Food N Fuel, Wright began yelling at them about damaging his vehicle. When the person threw a drink at Wright, Wright kicked out the person's car window, then punched them in the face eight to 10 times and choked them to the point that they couldn't breathe.

Security camera footage provided by Food N Fuel staff showed the two punching each other and hitting and kicking each other's vehicles.

Wright was charged with two felonies, fourth-degree assault of a peace officer and domestic assault by strangulation, and two misdemeanors, obstruction of the legal process and fourth-degree property damage. If convicted, he faces a maximum possible sentence of three years in prison, a \$6,000 fine or both.



Wright

Ambulance
4:29 p.m. Saturday: 600 block of West Shore Drive, Worthington, adult male.
10:25 a.m. Sunday: 1700 block of North Burlington Avenue, Worthington, adult female who fell and couldn't move her leg.
11:04 a.m. Sunday: 300 block of Galena Street, Worthington, adult male who wasn't feeling well.

Crashes
Pipestone County Sheriff's Office: truck vs. cow, 11:54 p.m. Friday, 1300 block of 180th Avenue, Woodstock. A 2007 Ford F150 driven by Raymond Larson of Pipestone struck the cow as it crossed the highway. No injuries were reported at the scene. The Ford received extensive damage. The Woodstock Fire Department and the Woodstock First Responders assisted.

Minnesota State Patrol: 7:31 a.m. Saturday, Interstate 90 eastbound at milepost 58, Jackson County. A 2016 Chevrolet Silverado operated by Lloyd Jesse Belt, 77, of Poplar Bluff, Missouri lost control and went into the median. Bluff was transported to Sanford Worthington Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries. The Lakefield and Okabena fire departments along with the Lakefield Ambulance assisted.

WPD: 5:10 p.m. Saturday, 300 block of 10th Street.

WPD: 12:51 a.m. Sunday, South Shore Drive at the grade. Ambulance dispatched.

WPD: 9:21 a.m. Sunday, 800 block of 10th Street.

Minnesota State Patrol: 11:10 a.m. Sunday, Minnesota 86 at Interstate 90 eastbound on-ramp, Jackson County. A 2013 Chevy Equinox operated by Martha Mae Ulbricht, 83, of Lakefield struck the back of a 2018 Mazda CX-5 operated by Lynn Michelle Hecker, 61, of New Richland. Ulbricht was transported to Sanford Jackson Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries, while Hecker was uninjured. The Lakefield Fire Department and Lakefield Ambulance assisted.

WPD: 2:53 p.m. Sunday, U.S. 59 and Interstate 90 bridge. Ambulance dispatched.

WPD: 5:58 p.m. Sunday, Miller

Street and Omaha Avenue.
WPD: 7:55 a.m. Monday, Minnesota 60 and Nobles County 35.
WPD: hit and run, 11:37 a.m. Monday, 1000 block of Ryans Road.

Fires
2:27 p.m. Sunday: 1700 block of Cecile Street, Worthington, grass fire.

Police
WPD: scam, 4:37 p.m. Thursday, 100 block of Hagge Street.
WPD: domestic incident, 6:52 p.m. Thursday, 1100 block of Clary Street.

WPD: harassing communication, 10:41 p.m. Thursday, 1500 block of Collegeway.

WPD: citation for reckless racing, 10:47 p.m. Thursday.

WPD: disturbing the peace, 11 p.m. Thursday, Skyline Drive and Eleanor Street.

WPD: disorderly conduct, 2:17 a.m. Friday, Oxford and McMillan streets.

WPD: cell phone theft, 7:17 a.m. Friday, 1500 block of Darling Drive.

WPD: disorderly conduct, 9:13 a.m. Friday, 1500 block of North Grand Avenue.

WPD: order for protection violation, 12:01 p.m. Friday, 100 block of Thomas Avenue.

WPD: threats, 12:34 p.m. Friday, Nobles Street.

WPD: shoplifting, 1:33 p.m. Friday, 1000 block of Ryan's Road.

Pipestone County Sheriff's Office: damaged mailbox, 3:14 p.m. Friday, 900 block of Eighth Avenue Southwest, Pipestone.

NCSO: property damage, 3:20 p.m. Friday, 22000 block of McCall Avenue, Worthington.

WPD: theft, 6:56 p.m. Friday, 1500 block of Indian Hill Road.

WPD: shoplifting, 7:08 p.m. Friday, 1000 block of Ryan's Road.

WPD: fireworks, 8:29 p.m. Friday, Okabena Street and First Avenue.

WPD: fireworks, 10:01 p.m.

Friday, Kelly Park.
WPD: trespassing, 10:56 p.m. Friday, 1100 block of Seventh Avenue.

Lyon County Sheriff's Office: Gabriel Mendez Mattias, 20, of Sioux City, Iowa was arrested Friday and charged with driving without a license, violation of financial liability coverage, speeding and failure to obey a traffic control device. Passengers Luz Clara Ramirez Mendez, 18, and Eugenio Mendez Matias, 18, both of Sioux City, Iowa were each arrested and charged with possession or use of a false identification card. The arrests came following a traffic stop near the intersection of Iowa 9 and Jefferson Avenue. All three individuals were lodged in the Lyon County Jail.

Lyon County Sheriff's Office: Ashley Van Briesen of Sioux Center, Iowa was arrested at 1:45 a.m. Saturday for operating while intoxicated first offense. She was also cited for open container.

WPD: fireworks, 8:11 a.m. Saturday, 1700 block of North Douglas Avenue.

NCSO: property damage, 10:37 a.m. Saturday, 30000 block of 110th Street, Fulda.

WPD: disorderly conduct, 4:39 p.m. Saturday, West 10th and Park avenues.

WPD: missing person, 9:33 p.m. Saturday, 1000 block of Grand Avenue.

WPD: fireworks, 9:35 p.m. Saturday, 1600 block of Clary Street.

WPD: fireworks, 9:39 p.m. Saturday, 1600 block of Oakwood Drive.

WPD: fireworks, 9:42 p.m. Saturday, 1000 block of Sherwood Street.

WPD: burglary, 10:01 p.m. Saturday, 400 block of Olander Street.

WPD: fireworks, 11:05 p.m. Saturday, 900 block of South Crailsheim Drive.

WPD: fireworks, 11:35 p.m. Saturday, 1500 block of North Douglas Avenue.

WPD: fireworks, 11:41 p.m. Saturday, 800 block of Clement Street.

WPD: illegal burning, 11:55 p.m. Saturday, East and Read avenue.

WPD: theft, 12:13 a.m. Sunday, 1900 block of Driftwood Avenue.

WPD: verbal argument, 11:25 a.m. Sunday, 1500 block of North Grand Avenue.

WPD: disturbing the peace, 2:02 p.m. Sunday, 800 block of 10th Street.

WPD: shoplifting, 7:24 p.m. Sunday, 1000 block of Ryans Road.

WPD: fireworks, 12:36 a.m. Monday, Clary Street and 11th Street.

NCSO: animal complaint, 6:41 a.m. Monday, 26000 block of West Gateway Drive, Worthington.

WPD: missing person, 11:30 a.m. Monday, 800 block of 10th Street.

WPD: verbal argument, 11:59 a.m. Monday, 900 block of Fourth Avenue.

WPD: trespassing, 1:51 p.m. Monday, 400 block of Olander Street.

WPD: burglary and property damage, 1:59 p.m. Monday, Omaha Avenue.

WPD: shoplifting, 4:01 p.m. Monday, 1300 block of Oxford Street.

NCSO: drug paraphernalia, 8:21 p.m. Monday, 31000 block of Roberts Avenue, Worthington.

NCSO: domestic incident, 10:52 p.m. Monday, 300 block of South First Avenue, Lismore.

WPD: disorderly conduct, 1:39 a.m. Tuesday, 100 block of Seventh Avenue.

WPD: drugs, 2:14 a.m. Tuesday, 1500 block of Airport Road.

MEET Your TEAM

Julie Buntjer
Reporter

How many years have you been in the industry? 26½ years

How many years with this company? 16½ years

How did you get into the business?
I chose Agriculture Journalism from a college catalog because it was one of the options that could lead to a career in Extension and 4-H Youth Development. Changes in Extension, combined with encouragement from journalism professors, forever altered my future.

If you had one message to say to your readers, what it would be?
Journalism matters. Stories on local people, local businesses and government, local sports, crime, agriculture and the environment are written to educate and inform, perhaps entertain and invoke emotion. Our jobs are never easy and require compassion, understanding and, at times, a strong backbone.

What are some fun facts about you?
I'm a Bigelow Township farm kid who grew up raising goats, chickens, turkeys and (very briefly) sheep on a hobby farm nestled between Lake Ocheda and Lake Bella. I like to fish, love to travel (particularly to states with lighthouses) and I'm currently devoting lots of time to Hardanger embroidery and cross-stitch while listening to audiobooks.

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