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Bail set at \$1M for man in Monticello stand-off

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Bail was set at \$1 million for an Albertville man who was involved in a 17-hour stand-off Tuesday, Jan. 26 near Eastview Education Center in Monticello.

The bail was set for Justin M. Dellwo during a January 28 bail hearing in Wright County District Court in Buffalo, according to Wright County Attorney Brian Lutes.

Dellwo was charged with felony firearms violations and one felony count of fleeing an officer in a motor vehicle, Lutes stated.

The charges stem from a series of incidents that began to unfold with an alleged domestic assault altercation on the evening of Monday, January 25 in the city of Albertville.

Dellwo, 35 of Albertville, led law enforcement officers on a short chase into the city of Monticello, where deputies forced Dellwo's vehicle to a stop came to

a stop near the intersection of Fenning Avenue and School Boulevard.

The suspect, who was believed to be armed, refused to cooperate with authorities and remained holed up in his vehicle for about 17 hours until the Wright County Emergency Response Team and law enforcement from Sherburne and Hennepin counties forced Dellwo out of his vehicle by deploying a chemical agent.

After exiting his vehicle, Dellwo refused to follow commands from law enforcement officers and was struck with a foam baton, which debilitated Dellwo and allowed for his apprehension and arrest, according to a criminal complaint filed in Wright County District Court.

Following Dellwo's arrest, a loaded AR-15 semi-automatic rifle was retrieved from his vehicle. According to court records, Dellwo is prohibited from possessing a firearm because of a 2020 felony drug conviction in Anoka County.

Wright County deputies first became

aware of Dellwo on Monday, January 25 when they were called to the 10000 block of 64th Way NE in the City of Albertville on a report of a domestic assault by strangulation. Dellwo allegedly choked his wife and left the residence, the criminal complaint states. About four hours later, deputies returned to the residence on a second domestic assault complaint. On Dellwo's return to the residence, he allegedly had a gun to his head, the complaint states.

Dellwo again left the scene. While responding to the residence on 64th Way, a Wright County deputy passed Dellwo's 2004 Buick Rendezvous on County Road 37. The deputy followed Dellwo, who pulled over. Dellwo allegedly refused to follow the deputy's commands and fled the scene. After a short pursuit along Jason Avenue and into Monticello, deputies deployed spike strips at Fenning Avenue and School Boulevard which disabled Dellwo's vehicle.

Dellwo refused commands from law

enforcement to exit his vehicle, the criminal complaint states. Deputies observed the rifle inside the vehicle, which resulted in the establishing of a large law enforcement presence. Law enforcement also established a perimeter around the location of Dellwo's vehicle, closing off access to the area from many Monticello streets. Classes at the adjacent Eastview Education Center were subsequently canceled for the day.

The incident came to a resolution shortly after 6 p.m. when Dellwo was apprehended.

Dellwo was charged in Wright County Court with felony possession of a firearm and ammunition, unlawful possession of a machine gun or short-barreled shotgun, and fleeing an officer. If convicted of the firearm possession charges, he faces a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison and/or a \$30,000 fine.

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Humans of Monticello debuts its new visual showcase on busy street corner

WHAT THE ART



Nicholas Witzmann stands outside the former We Thrive Fitness building at 101 W Broadway St, Monticello, on Monday, February 1, where he looks at the art of Victoria Eidelsztein that depicts residents of Monticello.

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On a once thriving and spicy corner of downtown Monticello, activity is heating up again.

The southwest corner of Highway 25 and Broadway Street was once the home of We Thrive Fitness and Spicy Boxing.

The formerly vacant buildings were transformed earlier this week into a venue to showcase the works of local artists.

The We Thrive Fitness site (WTF) has now been transformed into "What the Art," or WTA, a play on words as

clever as the artwork that now graces the site.

Brightening up the corner is an offshoot of MontiArts' "Humans of Monticello" project - a collection of literary and video portraits of Monticello residences that has been in the works now for about 14 months.

On Tuesday, MontiArts volunteers hung from the windows of the windows of the We Thrive Fitness site painted portraits of subjects of the "Humans of Monticello" projected painted by artist Victoria Eidelsztein of Argentina, who completed the project through a grant from the Central Minnesota Arts Board.

The idea behind putting the art on display in the city-owned buildings on the corner of Highway 25 and Broadway Street was to create a destination location for members of the community during a time when people are going on more walks, said Sue Seeger, the creative arts consultant for the City of Monticello.

At present, the public can view two large collages of paints Victoria Eidelsztein created through the Central Minnesota Arts Board grant, Seeger said.

There are signs in the windows that

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Lazydays RV moving into former Gould building

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A national RV dealer will soon be helping cement Monticello as a destination for people shopping for recreation vehicles.

Lazydays RV has purchased the former Gould Bros. Chevrolet building at 3939 Chelsea Rd, Monticello.

The building currently houses the Quarry Church, Monticello Auto Service, and the Next Level baseball and softball training center.

Monticello Auto Service has moved to the former Monticello RV building at 1101 Elm St, in Monticello.

Lazydays RV hopes to have the Monticello location open by this spring. Lazydays RV CEO and chairman William P. Murnane told the Monticello Times from Lazydays corporate headquarters in Tampa, Florida.

Lazydays has signed a real estate purchase agreement for the 10.68 acre property with approximately 57,000 sq. ft. of indoor dealership space adjacent to Interstate 94 in Monticello, the company announced on Friday, January 29. The large indoor showroom at this dealership will offer customers a warm and welcoming environment to shop for an RV during the cold Minnesota winters.

Lazydays currently operates eleven dealerships in Florida, Colorado, Arizona, Minnesota, Tennessee, and Indiana, as well as a dedicated service center location near Houston, Texas. In addition to a second Minnesota location, Lazydays recently announced its intent to acquire Sprad's RV in Reno, Nevada.

"We like the state of Minnesota. It's a strong RV state," Murnane said when asked about his company opening its 12th location in Monticello.

"Minnesota is a good market," he said. Minnesota is a top 10 RV state, Murnane explained, and noted that the new

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