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On 2/15/19, at 1:34 a.m., a Norfolk Police Officer was on patrol and observed a Wisconsin licensed van in the parking lot of Wal-Mart located at 2400 W. Pasewalk. He further observed a female walking away from the van. There had been recent reports of “quick change artists” in the area, and the van and the female matched the description. The officer parked and had contact with a male occupant of the van. He did not have any formal identification and verbally identified himself as Anthony Rivera, 27, of Appleton Wisconsin. During this contact, the officer noticed hypodermic needles on the floor on the van along. At about this time, the female was returning to the van. She observed the officer speaking with Rivera and ran back inside Wal-Mart. A second responding officer saw the female running and followed her into the store.

A search of the van produced a folded pouch that contained more needles, large rubber bands to tie off an appendage during hypodermic use, tiny cotton balls, and a lighter. Officers also recovered a short cylindrical plastic tube that tested positive for methamphetamine. Rivera was questioned about his drug usage and arrested for possession of a controlled substance – methamphetamine. Officers also found a Wisconsin driver’s license identifying the female who had ran back into the store. She was identified as Jalessa S. Moder, 30, of Winneconne Wisconsin. A check of her license showed outstanding Dakota County Nebraska, and outstanding Wisconsin Department of Corrections arrest warrants.

After searching the business for one and one-half hours, officers located Moder in an employee only storage area. Moder had climbed a 10-foot high shelving unit and attempted to conceal herself behind boxes. After she was located, she refused multiple commands to come out of hiding and come down. As officers ascended the shelving unit, Moder slid off the shelves and attempted to flee the officers again. Once on the ground, she continued to struggle and resist the officer’s attempts to handcuff her. Moder was taken into custody and arrested on the outstanding warrants along with obstructing a police officer, resisting arrest, trespassing, and possession of controlled substance – methamphetamine.

Both were housed in the Norfolk City jail and both were later transported to the Madison County Jail.

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