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NEWS RELEASE

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On 11/3/18 at 2:35 a.m., a Norfolk Police Officer performed a traffic stop on a vehicle that did not have a front license plate attached to the car. The driver verbally identified himself as Michael J. Fowler, 27, of Lincoln. During this contact, the officer could smell burnt marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Fowler was questioned about marijuana usage. A check of his license showed that it was currently under suspension. Fowler was placed under arrest for driving under suspension. The passenger in the car was identified as Amanda L. Rivera, aka Amanda L. Volcheck, 45, address unknown. A check of her record showed active Lancaster and Gage County warrants for her arrest. She was also taken into custody. In a subsequent search of the vehicle, officers recovered a marijuana pipe, a small amount of marijuana and a glass pipe. The glass pipe tested positive for methamphetamine. Fowler and Rivera were both questioned about the pipe. Fowler was later also arrested for possession of a controlled substance and cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Fowler was housed in the Norfolk City Jail and later transferred to the Madison County Jail. Rivera was taken directly to the Madison County Jail.

On 11/4/18, at 12:08 a.m., Norfolk Police responded to a disturbance at a residence in the 100 block of Miller Avenue. The reporting party stated that an intoxicated female was at the residence and causing the disturbance. Upon arrival, officers saw that the female was very upset and was being restrained by others at the residence. Officers asked those holding onto the female to let her go. When this occurred, the female, identified as Claudia V. Hernandez, 21, of Norfolk, lunged at the officers and shoved one of the officers backwards a few steps. Hernandez continued to come after the officer. Officers struggled with Hernandez and arrested her for assault on a police officer and resisting arrest. She was housed in the Norfolk City Jail and later transferred to the Madison County Jail.

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