**PRESS RELEASE - MONITEAU COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

On 03/10/2019 Deputies with the Moniteau County Sheriff’s Office while on routine patrol, attempted to stop a vehicle for an equipment violation on Highway 50 near California, Mo. As the deputy activated his emergency equipment to stop the car, it began to flee from the deputy who then initiated a pursuit with the vehicle. The vehicle then fled west on Highway 50 and then turned south on Hwy E where it finally stopped in the middle of the roadway near Latham, Mo. The vehicle occupants were then ordered out of the vehicle and were then detained at the scene. Upon checking, deputies were able to determine that some of the occupants of the vehicle were currently on Probation and Parole for burglary and possession of drugs. Upon search of the vehicle deputies did locate drug paraphernalia and a substantial amount of methamphetamine. Upon further investigation deputies did also locate a backpack style leaf blower that was stolen from a residence inside California, Mo. The leaf blower apparently had just been taken from a residence inside of California, Mo and the owner was not yet aware of the theft. Upon further speaking with the vehicle occupants’ deputies learned that the suspects had attempted to ingest methamphetamine during the pursuit in an attempt to destroy the evidence. One suspect was transported to the hospital and treated for a drug overdose with the other two taken to the Moniteau County Jail.

**Matthew P. Bishop – Age 34 – California, Mo – Delivery of a controlled substance (meth) – Tampering with physical evidence – numerous traffic violations – Bond $100,000.00**

**Natasha G. Larsen – Age 32 – Tipton, Mo – Possession of a controlled substance (meth) – Tampering with physical evidence – Bond $50,000.00**

**Greg A. Wininger – Age 34 – Joplin, Mo – Possession of a controlled substance (meth) – Tampering with physical evidence – Bond $50,000.00 – Warrant Jasper County, Mo – Possession of a controlled substance – Bond $10,000.00**

Further charges are pending on the theft of the leaf blower.