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

On 03/12/2019 Deputies with the Moniteau County Sheriff’s Office conducted a vehicle stop on a vehicle in California, Mo for a stop sign violation. Upon contact with the driver identified as Michelle Sitton deputies observed her throw something down inside the vehicle and found her to be uncooperative and nervous. After speaking with the driver, a consent to search was asked for and denied by Sitton. K-9 Apollo then arrived on scene and conducted an exterior sniff of the vehicle. K-9 Apollo then indicated a positive alert for drugs inside the car. Upon search of the vehicle deputies recovered hydrocodone pills. Upon speaking with Sitton she was unable to produce proof that the pills had been prescribed to her. Sitton was then taken into custody and transported to the Moniteau County Jail.

**Michelle R. Sitton – Age 49 – Jefferson City, Mo – Possession of a controlled substance – Bond $25,000.00 – DWI/Drugs – Bond $241.50**