



MEDIA RELEASE

HAMLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Incident Code: Theft Auto

Date of Call: July 6th, 2025

Time of Call: 02:19am

Location: Southwest Lake Drive / US Highway 81 (Lake Poinsett)

Details:

LAKE POINSETT, SD - On Southwest Lake Drive and US Highway 81, law enforcement officers on patrol encountered individuals attempting to gain access to a parked excavator. One person entered and began operating the equipment. In the process, a nearby car trailer was severely damaged when the excavator collided with the trailer. While officers attempted to detain the individuals, the individuals took off on foot, heading toward homes and businesses. The two individuals were quickly caught by officers and taken to the Brookings County Detention Center.

A 21-year-old Brookings man was arrested and charged with DUI, Leaving Accident Scene, Resisting Arrest, and Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle.

A 22-year-old man from Watertown was arrested and charged with Obstructing Law Enforcement.

Images:



Any defendant(s) listed are presumed innocent under the U.S. Constitution.

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