

More Queen Contest Photos & Judging Results Inside



Baby Afghan, Crocheted, 2 Or More Colors
 Kris Horstiman, Belvidere
 Good balance and design. The points are all sharp. Edges and corners all match.



DRAWING - BEST OF SHOW
 Kelli Knight, Belvidere
 Linoleum block print. The technical aspects made this a champion. Everything that is white was carved out and then put through a printing press. Very tedious and time consuming. Insects interrupt the pattern, which makes it much harder to do.



Emily Carter is crowned as Miss Boone County 2019



Marrah Jayde Vander Vennet is crowned Little Miss 2019



Little Miss contestants dance while waiting for the results to be tabulated



Ten women compete for the title of Miss Boone County 2019 (photos by Tricia Goecks)



Aaliyah Marie Souvenir receives the Miss Photogenic trophy from Kayla Konieczki



Adriana Anderson, Emily Carter and Kylie Nelson hold hands as they wait for the winner of the Miss Boone County Pageant 2019 to be announced



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THE MAKING OF A CHAMPION

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CERAMICS - BEST OF SHOW

Roxann Dowell, Harvard
Piggy Bank, Lots of detail, clearly a lot of time and thought went into this.



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Debbie Hoffman, Loves Park
Good detail. The coral shells look real. The variegation from light blue to dark purple from top to bottom. (Debbie Hoffman is the winner for 3 years running.)

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Decorated Cake
 Ericka Freund, Belvidere
 Like the transition from one color to the next. Very colorful with good color choices. The little stardrops on top accent it nicely. Cake has a good, uniform shape from bottom to top.



Assorted Cookies--4 Kinds
 Aubrie Petersen, Belvidere
 Good variety of cookies. Beauty and Beast cookie had nice teardrops on flowers, Macaroon cookie difficult to make. Pretty cut out shape with nice job of frosting. Well decorated.



Decorated Cupcakes--Junior
 Emmalyn Swanson, Caledonia



Canned Bread And Butter Pickles
 Rose Runoy, Poplar Grove
 Uniform pickles, good color. Filled full to the correct level. Nicely garnished with a serrated cut.



Fancy Decorated Cookies
 Debbie Hoffman, Loves Park
 Lots of detail and good color choices. Tying of theme with two turkeys and a blessing was good. The feathers were nicely separated.



Professionally Decorated Cupcakes
 Karen Englund, Belvidere
 Intricate details. Even a crease in the tongue. Eye catching. Choice of colors like pink and gray cat are appealing.

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Pumpkin Bread
Brenda Corcoran, Belvidere Good texture and good flavor. Not undercooked or overcooked. Could taste the pumpkin.



Bundle Of Beardless Wheat
Emma Bottcher, Capron Good appearance of bundle, with clean, big heads. Very heavy weight.



Pinwheel Cookies
Audrey Pearson, Belvidere Uniform, evenly spaced, came together in a nice, round spiral, good shape.



Woodworking--Furniture
James Trevathon, Jr., Belvidere Unusual table with slice of tree for a top.

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Floral Arrangement - Best Of Show
Ann Carrick, Belvidere Good proportion, a lot of different textures and it all went well with the container.

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Butterfly Planter
Jerry Paulson, Caledonia New category this year. Annuals and perennials that attract butterflies and bees. Lots of pollen and nectar.



Quilt, Pieced Top, Professionally Quilted
 Jan White, Rockford and Marlene Williams, Belvidere
 This quilt is custom-quilted, with something different in every square. Considerable detail: Baked fimo clay is used for noses, with beads and buttons used for noses and mouths.



Painted Rocks--Best Of Show
 Ted Krauss, Loves Park
 New category this year. Very realistic background and a good job of painting.



Drawing, Animals
 Jody Love, Roscoe
 Good use of multiple colors. Used cool colors for shadowing and warm colors for highlights.



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Painting - Best Of Show
 Sandra Kottke, Harvard
 The striking part is in the reflection--also the combination of different textures from soft clouds to snow-capped mountains. The warm colors on the ground are interesting. The painting has a lot of depth, with a definite foreground, middle ground and background.



Color Photograph - Best Of Show "Hanging Out"
 Suzanne Rideneur, Crystal Lake
 Human interest in all of the kids. Compositional interest is drawn into the people in the picture and their faces. \$100 Mildred Banks Award.



Jewelry - Best Of Show
 Jewelry Set, 3 pieces
 Very intricate detail.

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Black/White Photograph - Best Of Show "A Dad and His Boy Traveling by Train"

Heather Stenies, Belvidere

The composition draws you in. The subject, the little boy, is framed by the lighter window. Dad is a compliment looking at the little boy as his face is lit. \$100 Mildred Banks Award.



Junior Photograph- Best Of Show

Kyle Middleton, Rockton

Technique makes this a champion. Impressive darkroom technique done using manual procedures. This was not done digitally.

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 Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Giselle Lenover, Deputy
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Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 30th day of May, 2019.
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ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
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Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 26th day of July 2019.
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 State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend...to conduct and transact a Landscaping business in said County and State under the name of BOES Brian Outdoor Essential Services at the following addresses: 215 Highline St. Apt #10, Belvidere IL, 61008 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows: NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Margarito Hernandez & Brian Hernandez 215 Highline St. Apt #10, Belvidere IL, 61008 Signed: Margarito & Brian Hernandez 06/04/19

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, this 4th day of June, 2019.
 Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Christine Gardner, Deputy
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motion to terminate parental rights.
 Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

Dated July 16, 2019
 Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk
 By: Heather Austin Deputy Clerk
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 COUNTY OF , ILLINOIS,
 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF:
 LORELAI JEAN DAVIDSON, a child.
 COUNTY CASE NO. 2019 AD 8
 NOTICE TO ERIN DAVIDSON AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named, LORELAI JEAN DAVIDSON;

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, ERIN DAVIDSON, and ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of County, in the City of , Illinois, on or before the 2nd day of September, 2019, a default may be entered against you at any time following that day, and a judgment order entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

DATED: July 29, 2019
 Linda Anderson, Clerk of the Circuit Clerk
 Attorney Laura M. Hunt
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
 THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In re the Marriage of Ana L. Perez Mendez and Juan Manuel Avila Alcala
 Case No: 2019 D 101
 NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

YOU, Juan Manuel Avila Alcala, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that this case has been commenced in this Court and is pending against you asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your Answer or Appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois located at 601 North Main Street in Belvidere, Illinois before August 28, 2019 or otherwise appear at the hearing in this matter on August 28, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 4 of the Boone County Courthouse, located at 601 North Main Street in Belvidere, Illinois, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THIS COMPLAINT. Prepared by: Alexis Simmons, The Law Offices of Alexis M.K. Simmons, LLC, P.O. Box 301, Rockford, IL 61105, (815) 570-9662, alexis@simmonsllaw.org.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 COUNTY OF BOONE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
 THOMAS J. BARNES, A Minor. Case No. 2019 P 34
 NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 3rd day of September, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, I shall appear before the Honorable Judge John H. Young, or any other judge that may be presiding, in Courtroom usually occupied by him, in the Boone County Courthouse at Belvidere, Illinois, and then and there for Petitioners' Petition for Guardianship.

If the natural mother, KELLY BARNES, fails to answer the Petition or otherwise file her appearance in this case, a judgment by default may be taken against her for the relief asked in the Petition. If she does not appear as instructed in this Notice, she may be required to support the child named in the Petition until the child is at least 18 years old.

I hereby file this Notice in the Clerk's Office of the 17th Judicial Circuit, County of Boone.

Dated: July 30, 2019
 SALLY J. GARLANGER and TIMOTHY J. GARLANGER,
 Petitioners

By: DANIEL A. LEWANDOWSKI
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Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:00 p.m on the 16th day of September, 2019, at the Board of Education offices, 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2019. Board of Education
 Community Unit School District #100, Boone, DeKalb, McHenry Counties, Illinois
 Holly Houk
 Secretary, Board of Education
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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY
 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Case No. 2019-MR-86
 John Hvezda Babcock
 NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE
 Notice is hereby given, that on September 17, 2019, at 9:00 am, I will present a Petition requesting that the Court change his present name of John Hvezda Babcock, to the name of John Star Hvezda. The hearing will take place at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 Courtroom #3
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Public Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
 THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: RICHARD C. RIEFF, Deceased.

Case No.: 2019 P 36

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of RICHARD C. RIEFF. Letters of Office were issued on July 15, 2019, to PHYLLIS K. RIEFF of 861 Kelley Road, Caledonia, Illinois 61011, who is the legal representative of the Estate. The attorney for the Estate is Jeffrey E. Hardyman of HOWARD, HARDYMAN & DIVERDE, LLP, 124 N. Water Street, Suite 100, PO Box 1616, Rockford, Illinois 61110-0116.

Any claims against the Estate may be filed on or before January 26, 2020, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the Estate must be filed with the Office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk-Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office - Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the Estate legal representative and to his or her attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED: July 22, 2019

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Attorneys for the Estate of RICHARD C. RIEFF, Deceased

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 BOONE COUNTY—BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF

CHARLES E. IEHL, Deceased.

No. 2019P000032

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of the death of CHARLES E. IEHL. Letters of Office were issued on June 18, 2019 ATG Trust Company, Inc. One South Wacker Drive, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60606 as Independent Executor. The attorney for the estate is Daniel Cornfield, McParland & Cornfield, P.C., 6153 North Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60646.

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To Courtney Manning Respondent

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**Covered Watergate Hearings
Nixon Resigned
45 Years Ago Friday**

By Tom Emery

The darkest chapter in American political history is Watergate, a two-year saga that brought down a presidency. It remains the standard by which all other Washington scandals are judged.

Friday (Aug. 9) marks the 45th anniversary of the resignation of President Richard Nixon in 1974, bringing an end to an ordeal that rocked the nation's confidence in its leaders. An Illinois man had a front-row seat for the Congressional hearings that led to Nixon's downfall.

"My feeling was that I was an up-close witness to unprecedented political history in the United States," said Taylor Pensoneau, who covered the hearings for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "I was fully aware of what was transpiring, and that I was covering it."

At the time, Pensoneau was a 33-year-old political writer for the Post-Dispatch who was based in the press room of the Illinois statehouse.

A Belleville native, he spent much of the summers of 1973 and 1974 in the paper's Washington bureau with Lawrence Taylor, a regular national political writer for the Post. Pensoneau now lives in New Berlin, Ill., twenty miles west of Springfield.

The scandal was rooted in a break-in on June 17, 1972 at the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate complex in Washington — hence the name of the saga.

The bumbling episode led to the arrest of five burglars, and touched off a sweeping investigation by Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein. In February 1973, the Senate voted 77-0 to create a committee for its own examination.

The seven-man Senate Watergate Committee convened on May 17, 1973 and was headed by Sam Ervin (D-N.C.), with Howard Baker (R-Tenn.) as the ranking minority member. Baker would later utter the famous words "What did the

President know, and when did he know it?," while the unshakable Ervin became famous for his downhome manner and bushy eyebrows that raised at every key point.

All three major networks and PBS broadcast 319 hours of the hearings, which were viewed by at least 85 percent of American households. National Public Radio and countless other radio outlets also relayed coverage to a public riveted by the proceedings.

Pensoneau and the Post-Dispatch were assigned a choice seat near the witnesses, and he encountered some rising stars. Among them was Lesley Stahl, a future CBS News reporter and 60 Minutes contributor.

"Her role in covering the Watergate hearings lifted her to prominence," recalled Pensoneau. "She acutally covered for me when I would step out to phone updates to the home office, in St. Louis."

Nixon's clashes with the media were well-documented, and that antagonism permeated much of the coverage of the hearings.

"The writers were like sharks, and Nixon's blood was in the water," said Pensoneau. "They were deadset on eating him alive."

"I didn't find a lot of objective reporting on the part of some in covering Watergate," continued

Pensoneau. "I tried to be balanced in my articles, since I didn't share those feelings. But there was an intense hatred by the press for Nixon."

Among the myriad of memorable moments in the Senate Committee was the testimony of Nixon's deputy chief of staff, Alexander Butterfield, on July 16, 1973, in which he revealed that the President had installed a taping system in the Oval Office. The Senate hearings concluded in August 1973, and the committee issued an exhaustive 1,250-page report on June 27, 1974.

In May 1974, the House Judiciary Committee, chaired by Rep. Peter Rodino (D-N.J.), began its own hearings on impeachment. Again, Pensoneau covered the hearings, where he encountered a young Yale law graduate in Hillary Rodham.

"She was a Democratic operative who was responsible for researching i m p e a c h m e n t p r o c e d u r e s," remarked Pensoneau. "I wasn't around her

very much." She married future President Bill Clinton the following year.

That July 27, Pensoneau and Taylor were seated in Room 2141 of the Rayburn House Office Building to cover the committee's vote on articles of impeachment. The first article, a charge of obstruction of justice, passed 27-11, with six Republicans joining 21 Democrats in favor.

Pensoneau and Taylor shared the byline covering the vote in the next morning's Post-Dispatch. Pensoneau later called it "undoubtedly the biggest byline of my newspaper years."

The committee subsequently voted to approve two more articles of impeachment. Nixon, though, avoided a certain removal from office with his resignation on Aug. 9, 1974.

His successor, President Gerald Ford, later granted a full pardon to Nixon in an effort to put Watergate behind the nation. Still, the scandal stuck to Nixon until his death on April 22, 1994.

Pensoneau remained with the Post-Dispatch through 1978. Forty-five years later, he remains awestruck at his experiences during Watergate.

"I always think back to how I was this kid from Belleville who started out as a paperboy, and I ended up right there, in the middle of the hearings, among a limited number of reporters," he reflected.


"I was there as they voted to impeach the President of the United States. For a political reporter, it can't get much better than that."

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Feds: State Senator Collected Pay And Benefits for 'Little or No Work'

Villa Park Dem Tom Cullerton indicted on 41 counts of embezzlement and false medical statements

By **REBECCA ANZEL**
Capitol News Illinois

An Illinois state senator was formally accused of collecting a salary as well as health and pension benefits from a labor union "for which he did little or no work" by a federal grand jury Friday in Cook County.

Villa Park Democrat Tom Cullerton, who has served in the General Assembly since January 2013, is charged with 40 counts in an indictment alleging he "knowingly conspire(d)" to embezzle from the Teamsters Joint Council 25 and Teamsters Local Union 734 Unions. Cullerton is also facing one count alleging he lied on health forms.

John Theis, the senator's attorney, said in an emailed statement to the Chicago Tribune that the allegations against Cullerton are "simply not true, and we will be defending the charges in court."

"As an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Army and highly respected public servant, Tom Cullerton is a person who is dedicated to his family, constituents, and all Illinoisans," Theis said in the statement. "The action by the U.S. Department of Justice has nothing to do with Mr. Cullerton's work in the Illinois State Senate, but is the result of false claims by disgraced Teamsters boss John Coli in an apparent attempt to avoid penalties for his wrongdoing."

This is married to Illinois Supreme Court Justice Mary Jane Theis.

The federal government, in court documents, claims the senator's purported actions caused the union to lose \$274,066 from January 2013 through February 2016 — \$188,320 in salary and allowances; \$64,068 in medical and pension plan contributions; and \$21,678 in "reimbursed medical claims."

According to the indictment, Cullerton also received holiday bonuses for three years, and collected about \$60,000 from January 15, 2015, through the end of January 2016.

The senator was a member of Teamsters Local Union 734 before being elected to the General Assembly. While in office, in March 2013, Cullerton

was hired as a union organizer, according to court documents. That position was a full-time one that came with health and pension benefits.

The indictment alleges the senator "was doing little or no work for Teamsters Joint Council 25 during each pay period he was paid full-time salary as an organizer," even though he "was paid a monthly car and telephone allowance."

Those full-time wages continued while Cullerton fulfilled his obligations as a state senator, the court documents continue.

He was hired to the union position by John Coli, the former union leader who recently agreed to work with federal prosecutors as part of a plea deal. Coli said in federal court he was guilty of extorting a film studio in Chicago.

Cullerton reported the additional income in a Statement of Economic Interests form with the secretary of state's office, as required by Illinois law, in 2013 and 2014 but not in 2015 or 2016, according to the indictment.

"This is clearly part of an ongoing investigation," John Patterson, spokesperson for Senate President John Cullerton, said in an emailed statement. "The senate president reminds everyone we have a system of justice that presumes everyone innocent until proven otherwise."

The senate president, a Democrat from Chicago, is a distant cousin of Sen. Tom Cullerton.

Federal prosecutors submitted a document asking that if Cullerton is found guilty of the charges against him, he should have to pay back \$274,066, which they allege is traceable to the alleged offenses.

Rep. Grant Wehrli, a Naperville Republican, called on Cullerton to resign.

"If true, his actions were highly illegal and completely unbecoming of the office he holds," Wehrli said in a statement. "Ethical behavior is not a partisan issue. Members of both parties should be denouncing this type of conduct. I ask all Illinois lawmakers, both Republicans and Democrats, to join me in calling for Senator Cullerton's resignation."

Rep. Mart Batinick, a Republican from

Plainfield, had a different take.

"Politicians who have put personal gain over the welfare of the citizens of Illinois are a big reason why we are in the financial mess we are in. There has been too much self-dealing for too long. Time after time I blame one group — the voters," Batinick said in an emailed statement.

"This is not the first time something like this is happened yet voters keep rewarding the same leadership election after election. Voters need to step up, pay attention, and vote differently. Or, they need to stop complaining about our high taxes and corrupt governance," the statement continued.



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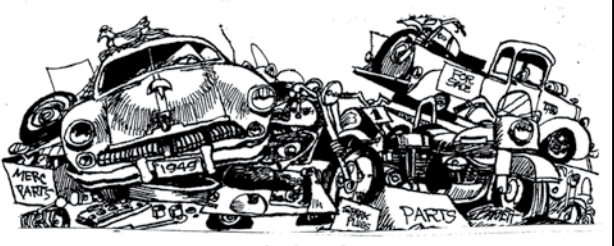
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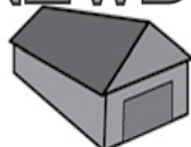
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On Saturday, July 27, 2019, Kronas allegedly used flashing red lights to stop a vehicle in the area of Riverside Road east of Argyle Road in rural Boone County. The driver of the stopped vehicle turned out to be an off duty police officer. Kronas left the scene and was later arrested at his residence by Boone County Deputies. Kronas' vehicle, a dark blue 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe was also seized.

Kronas, who is a registered sex offender, drives a vehicle that resembles a police vehicle. Kronas' vehicle is equipped with emergency lights, computer, dash cam, mounted cage,

a "Caution K9 Stay Back" sticker and Illinois Police Association license plates MP50. The Boone County Sheriff's Office requests if anyone has been a victim of a stop by this vehicle to please contact the Boone County Sheriff's Office.

The investigation continues and additional charges are possible. A class 4 felony is punishable by one (1) to three (3) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

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The arrest of Williams occurred after the Boone County Sheriff's Office was notified by an alert employee of Hamertime Sports, 2252 Anderson Drive in rural Belvidere. According to the Business, Williams was attempting to buy a vehicle with possible fraudulent identification. On Tuesday, July 30, 2019, after a short investigation, Boone County Sheriff's Detectives arrested Williams as he picked up the vehicle and used the fraudulent identification.

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