



# Pocahontas County Sheriff's Office

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On 03/11/2023 at approximately 0925 hours, a Pocahontas County Sheriff's Deputy observed a vehicle which had recently been reported stolen parked at the fuel pumps of Brew Oil Wine & Spirits in Pocahontas.

The deputy observed a male subject getting back into the stolen vehicle. The deputy then made contact with that subject. Investigation at the scene led to the arrest of Douglas Michael Lynch, 40, of Humboldt, Iowa.

After further investigation, Mr. Lynch was charged with the following; operation without owner's consent, an aggravated misdemeanor, possession of methamphetamine 3rd offense, a class D felony, possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor, and driving while suspended, a simple misdemeanor.

Evidence observed during the investigation led to a subsequent search warrant for items taken during multiple burglaries in the area. Mr. Lynch was transported to the Pocahontas County Jail to await his initial appearance before a Magistrate. Additional charges are anticipated.

The Pocahontas County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Pocahontas Police Department, and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office.

*A criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in the court of law.*