



# Pocahontas County Sheriff's Office

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## PRESS RELEASE

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On August 21, 2023, at approximately 2:52 PM, the Pocahontas County Sheriff's Office initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of 480<sup>th</sup> St and 220<sup>th</sup> Ave on a black 2016 Ford Focus. Upon investigation, Ian Ward (37) of Denison, IA was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Felon - D Felony (5 counts), Possession of a Firearm Suppressor - D Felony (5 counts), Possession of a Short-Barreled Rifle - D Felony, Possession of Methamphetamine - Serious Misdemeanor, Possession of Marijuana - Serious Misdemeanor, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Simple Misdemeanor. Ward was also issued a citation for No Valid Driver's License. Ward was transported to the Pocahontas County Jail to await his initial appearance before a magistrate.

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

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