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**PRESS RELEASE**

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On Wednesday, September 20, at 10:06 a.m., the Sioux County Sheriff's Office arrested Stephen Messelhisler, age 31, of Sioux Falls, SD.

The arrest stemmed from a report from a motorist that a vehicle was being driven eastbound on Highway 10 in a dangerous manner. Deputies located the vehicle driven by Messelhisler at the intersection of Highway 10 and Highway 75 and stopped him.

Upon further investigation, deputies suspected that Messelhisler was under the influence of illegal drugs. It was also determined that the vehicle had been stolen in Sioux Falls, SD and that Messelhisler possessed personal property including five firearms that were believed to have been stolen from a residence in Sioux Falls.

Messelhisler was charged with operating a vehicle without the owner's consent, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (drugs) and convicted felon in possession of firearms.

The case remains under investigation with assistance by the Sioux Falls Police Department.

