

On 12/19/2018 at 0319 hours a Worth County Deputy conducted a traffic stop east of Wheelerwood Avenue on 510th St for failing to stop for a stop sign. The driver identified as Encarnacion Chon Garcia of Austin Minnesota was arrested for Operating without Valid Driver's License a simple misdemeanor. A passenger of the vehicle identified as Melissa Kay Root of Austin Minnesota was arrested on a Mower County Minnesota warrant for probation violation. A search of the vehicle was conducted with the assistance of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office. Root was found in possession of cocaine, methamphetamines, a pipe used to ingest methamphetamines, and numerous plastic baggies. Garcia and Root were transported to the Worth County Jail. Root was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance 2nd Offense (Cocaine) an aggravated misdemeanor, Possession of a Controlled Substance 2nd Offense (Methamphetamine) an aggravated misdemeanor, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia a simple misdemeanor. All individuals are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.