COMMUNITY NEWS

Bail set for men charged with drug crime

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Bail was set at $500,000 and $350,000 for two International Falls men arrested Saturday and charged with first-degree controlled substance crime for possessing with the intent to distribute more than one ounce of cocaine.

Eric J. Flansburg, 27, and Derek C. Nelson, 25, were each charged Monday in Koochiching County District Court with first-degree controlled substance crime and remain in custody Tuesday morning at the Koochiching County Jail.

Flansburg was also charged with third-degree possession of controlled substance.

Koochiching County Attorney Jeff Naglosky said bail was set Monday for Flansburg at $500,000 without conditions or $350,000 with conditions. Bail was set at $350,000 without conditions or $200,000 with conditions for Nelson.

The men were arrested Saturday following a search warrant at a local motel on Second Avenue, where police officers found suspected cocaine and pills, along with a scale and baggies, according to the complaint.

The maximum sentence for the first-degree crime is 30 years and/or $1 million for a first violation, according to court documents.

The two men are scheduled to appear in court at 9 a.m. May 4.

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

BOOK CLUB

Rainy River Book Club will meet at noon Saturday at Lenard's. Book for discussion is "The Railway Man" by Eric Lomax. The book for May is "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins. All book lovers are welcome.

STORYTIME, STAY AND PLAY

Storytime and Stay and Play at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at International Falls Public Library will feature about 30 minutes of stories, rhymes and songs about frogs followed by about 30 minutes of play with science skill building toys.

'STUFF SALE'

A "Stuff Sale" is planned for 4 to 6 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Faith United Church, 1001 Fifth St. Sloppy joes will be served Friday and Boy Scout Troop 145 will assist at the sale Saturday.

'MEMBERS ONLY' EVENT

Citizens for Backus/AB will host a "Members Only" — Thank You" event at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Members, dinner sponsors, seat sponsors and others who have made contributions to Backus Community Center are welcome to attend. Appetizers and beverages will be served along with entertainment by "The Violas," Borealis Bards and Joe Belanger. RSVP Backus at 285-7225.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Retired Boise Cascade Papermakers Local 159, 9 a.m., Lenard's.
- Poet Laurie Purdie Salas, 10 a.m., International Falls Public Library; classroom presentation following, Falls Elementary School.
- Walk-ercise group, 10-11 a.m., Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Wednesday Study Group, 10:15 a.m., Faith United Church of Christ.
- East Koochiching Area Sanitary District Board, 11 a.m., Sanitary District Boardroom, 1412 Highway 71.
- Girl Guards, Sunbeams and Adventure Corps, 4:30-6 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Free At Last, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Forestland Annex, lower level conference room.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 5:30-8 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- Men's Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Members and guests Elks Lodge 1599 Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., meatballs and gravy with perogies.
- Little Lambs (3 years to kindergarten) and King's Kids (1st-5th grades), Youth Group (6th grade-up), 6:30-7:30 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Women of the Moose – installation practice, 6 p.m.; installation, 6:30; business gathering, 7, Moose Lodge.
- Falls High School Band and Choral concert, 7 p.m., Backus Auditorium.
- Koochiching Masonic Lodge No. 270, A.F. & A.M., 7 p.m., 416 Third St
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

THURSDAY

- Bone Builders, 10-11:30 a.m., Woodland Apartments.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Storytime, 10:30 a.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Weight Watchers, 4:45-5:15 p.m. weigh-in; 5:15 meeting, Zion Lutheran Church.
- Community Café, 5:30-6 p.m., chicken teriyaki, macaroni salad, chocolate pudding, dinner roll, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- MooseRiders' Chinese spare ribs and fried rice Supper, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Backus Members and Donors Only event, 6 p.m., Backus Community Center Auditorium.
- The Lamplighters, women's support group for survivors of childhood sexual abuse, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Line Dancing, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

FRIDAY

- Walk-ercise group, 10-11 a.m., Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Spring Luncheon, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Littlefork Lutheran Church.
- Serenity Sisters, Women's A.A., noon, Backus, Rational Alternatives, Room 101.
- "Stuff Sale," (sloppy joes served), 4-6 p.m., Faith United Church.
- BCEC Bowling Banquet, 5 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Members and guests Elks Lodge 1599 Friday Light Meal, 5:30 p.m., deep fried shrimp, fries or onion rings.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- For Those in Need, Addiction Recovery, 7 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1340 Keenan Drive.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.

SATURDAY

- "Stuff Sale," (Boy Scouts Troop 145), 8 a.m.-noon, Faith United Church.
- Rainy River Book Club, noon, Lenard's.
- Acoustic Music Jam, noon, Littlefork VFW.
- Bingo, 1 p.m.; Legion, Swiss steak Supper, 6 (reservations, 283-3615), Moose Lodge.
- Open Gym, 3-5 p.m., free, Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Alano Club.

POLICE REPORT

Koochiching County Sheriff's Office

Burglary: A generator and chainsaw were reported taken Saturday from the Richard P. Frederick residence, Highway 53, Ray, where the front door had been kicked in, allowing entry.

LOTTERY

Sunday's Daily 3
6, 2, 5

Sunday's Northstar Cash
1, 10, 14, 22, 31

Friday's Gopher 5
10, 17, 24, 38, 44

Saturday's Hot Lotto
6, 16, 23, 36, 45

Hot Ball
14

Friday's Mega Millions
15, 18, 29, 41, 50

Mega Ball
5

Saturday's Powerball
13, 22, 23, 29, 31

Powerball
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Spring truck weight restrictions end for south, southeast, metro frost zones

MNDOT REPORT

Spring truck weight restrictions on state highways end April 22 for Minnesota's South, Southeast and Metro frost zones, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. There is one exception in the south zone. The spring truck weight restrictions continue on Highway 277 between Glueck and Highway 40 because of soil weakness.

Spring load restrictions are still in effect in the central, north-central and north frost zones.

Ending dates for spring load restrictions are established by monitoring roadway strength as weather conditions change.

The South Zone extends south from the southern limit of the Central Zone (US 12-Hennepin County line) to the Iowa state line and east to the Metro Zone and then a line following and including Interstate 35. This zone includes Highway 19 along the southern border of Scott County.

The Southeast Zone extends south from the southern limit of the Metro Zone along, but not including, I-35 to the Iowa state line and east to the Wisconsin state line. This zone includes Highway 19 along the southern border of Dakota County.

The Metro Zone (Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area) includes Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington counties. This zone does not include Highway 19 along the southern borders of Scott and Dakota counties.

The Central Zone extends south from the southern limit of the North-Central Zone (US 10-Highway 210-Highway 18-I-35-Highway 48-Wisconsin state line) to a line following and including US 12 from the South Dakota state line to the Hennepin County line.

Road restriction maps showing the locations of weight-restricted routes and state highways open to maximum 10-ton axle weights are listed at www.dot.state.mn.us/materials. Click on "Seasonal Load Limits," and then "Spring Load Restrictions" for the most up-to-date information.

The information is also available by calling MnDOT's 24-hour automated message center at 1-800-723-6543 in the United States and Canada or by calling 651-366-5400.

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Staff will be installing remote water meter reading equipment to the external touch pads on all metered buildings in the City. This will allow remote radio technology to be used to read your monthly water use more efficiently and allow employees to work on other City projects.
You may notice our employees, who will be wearing lime green vests with identification cards, in your yard for a short time to install a small cover/radio box to the existing touch pad.
If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to the employees who are doing the work or call 218-283-9485, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

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