

Blair woman sentenced to probation for drug charge

STAFF REPORTS

A Blair woman who was found with drugs and paraphernalia in her car at a Blair gas station was sentenced to two years probation Tuesday in Washington County District Court.

Maya Mayfield, 40, pleaded no contest of attempted possession of a controlled substance, a Class I misdemeanor, in July.

According to an arrest af-

fidavit, law enforcement was called to investigate a man and woman who were going in and out of a Blair gas station on March 6, 2022.

An employee was concerned the two were using drugs inside the bathroom. The two individuals, identified as Mayfield and her partner, Josh Keller, were contacted.

Mayfield said officers that she and Keller were homeless and needed to use the rest-

room.

Keller was located in the van, which was owned by Mayfield.

When asked if there were any drugs inside the van, Mayfield replied there weren't any, and gave officers permission to search the vehicle.

Inside, officers located a backpack with multiple packages of a substance labeled "Delta 8" and "vape juice," and a white sock with a clear glass pipe inside with burnt res-

idue, which later tested positive for methamphetamine.

Mayfield denied ownership of the backpack and said it belonged to another person, whom she only knew the nickname of, and said she saw Keller shove multiple items behind the glove box.

Inside the glove box, officers located another sock with multiple layers of a leafy green substance labeled "Delta 8," and rolled marijuana blunts.

Two additional socks were located, which contained another clear glass pipe that tested positive for methamphetamine, and a container with a substance that tested positive for meth.

Mayfield and Keller were placed under arrest, and Mayfield told the officers there were dates inside the car as well, which officers located. The substances later tested positive for THC.

Iowa man found guilty, sentenced for drug charge

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A Logan, Iowa, man who was found with drugs in his vehicle following a traffic stop in Blair accepted a plea deal, was found guilty and sentenced to 60 days in jail Tuesday during Washington County District Court.

Rodney Smiley, 41,

pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance, a Class 4 felony.

According to an arrest affidavit, on Nov. 4 around 4 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted on an SUV on U.S. Highway 75 near mile marker 113 by a Nebraska State special deputy sheriff.

The vehicle had failed

to maintain its lane, came close to hitting oncoming traffic and was traveling at 50 MPH in a 35 MPH zone.

The driver, Smiley, was contacted and asked if he had consumed any alcohol.

Smiley denied drinking alcohol, but confessed to stop out of the vehicle for the officer

to check for alcohol or drugs.

During the search, a glass pipe was located on the center console, as well as a medicine bottle containing a baggie with a large pile of a crystalline substance, which was later tested and confirmed the presence of amphetamine.

Iowa man takes plea deal in sexual assault case

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A Council Bluffs, Iowa, man accused of sexually assaulting an underage girl in Arlington in 2019 accepted a plea deal and was found guilty Tuesday in Washington County District Court.

Ricardo Andrade, 25, pleaded guilty to the amended charge of committing child abuse intentionally with no serious bodily injury, a Class 3A felony.

Andrade is scheduled for sentencing May 11, where he will also be ordered to register as a sex offender.

According to an arrest affidavit, in August, the Washington County Sheriff's Office received information from the Dodge County Sheriff's Office about an ongoing sexual assault investigation against a minor in 2019.

Three assaults were reported to have occurred in Dodge County, and one in Arlington.

The victim, who is almost 10 years younger than Andrade, met him in March 2019.

A search of the victim's phone showed that she and Andrade began a sexual relationship.

During an interview with the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Andrade denied having a relationship with the victim, and said they were more like siblings. He also said he knew the victim was a minor.

In the interview, Andrade also said the victim thought they were in a relationship but he denied it. Messages from social media and video chats in 2019 and 2020 between Andrade and the victim revealed they had established a sexual relationship.



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