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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Sheriff Scott Bentzinger reports the arrest of Jeffrey J. Schofield, 50, of Carthage, Illinois.

On Thursday, August 6, 2020 at approximately 10:30am a Hancock County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a black, Kia sedan traveling westbound on U.S. Highway 136 near County Road 1100 East. The driver and sole occupant in the vehicle was identified as Jeffrey J. Schofield, who did not have a valid driver's license.

Schofield was taken into a custody for driving without a license. A search of the vehicle resulted in the finding of U.S. Currency, a scale, drug paraphernalia, small plastic baggies, cannabis, and 15.5 grams of methamphetamine. Schofield was charged with No Valid Driver's License (Class A Misdemeanor), Possession of Methamphetamine more than 15 grams but less than 100 grams (Class 1 Felony), and Possession of Methamphetamine with the intent to deliver more than 15 grams (Class X Felony). Schofield is currently on probation in Hancock County for Possession of Methamphetamine. Schofield is being held in the Hancock County Jail awaiting a bond hearing.

A Class A Misdemeanor carries a maximum sentence of up to 365 days in jail.

A Class 1 Felony carries a maximum sentence of up to 15 years in prison.

A Class X Felony carries a maximum sentence of up to 30 years in prison.

Schofield is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Carthage Police Department, the Hamilton Police Department, and the Hancock County State's Attorney's Office.