



PRESS/MEDIA RELEASE

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On February 1st 2018, members of the Wausau Police Department arrested Jeffrey S. Smith, DOB 05/31/1985, for Delivering a Prescription Drug. Jeffrey Smith was incarcerated in the Marathon County Jail. On February 3rd, 2018, the charge of Attempted First Degree Intentional Homicide – Unborn Child, was added to Jeffrey Smith.

The arrest of Jeffrey Smith is the result of an ongoing investigation conducted by the Wausau Police Department. The investigation began on January 28th, 2018, when officers were dispatched to an address on N. 3rd Avenue in the City of Wausau. Officers met with a woman reporting she was 20 weeks pregnant. This mother reported concern that the father of her child (Jeffrey Smith), had put something in her water bottle. Additionally, Jeffrey Smith had previously encouraged her to get an abortion.

The mother stated Jeffrey Smith had come to her residence on the evening of January 27. She opened a bottle of water and had been drinking from it. The bottle of water was in the mother's possession except for a short time when she went to the bathroom. Jeffrey Smith left the residence a few minutes after the mother had returned from the bathroom. After Jeffrey Smith left, the mother picked up her water bottle and observed residue in the bottom of the water bottle. The residue had not been present prior to the mother going to the bathroom. Jeffrey Smith was the only other person in the mother's residence.

The Wausau Police Department submitted the water bottle in question to the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory for testing. The laboratory results indicated the presence of Mifepristone, a substance regulated by prescription. The purpose of Mifepristone is to terminate a pregnancy.

Wausau Police Detectives executed a search warrant at Jeffrey Smith's residence in Grand Rapids, Wisconsin. Detectives located two empty blister packs for the medications Mifepristone and Misoprostol. Mifepristone causes a fetus to die, and Misoprostol induces labor.

As always, our primary concern as this community's law enforcement agency is the safety and security of our citizens. We are grateful for the partnership we share with the Wisconsin State Crime Lab as well as the assistance from Grand Rapids, WI, Police Department.

Anyone with additional information regarding this case, please contact Detective Jennifer Holz at 715-261-7883.

Please request an interview with Captain Matt Barnes via email at:

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Captain Matthew Barnes