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PRESS RELEASE

Incident: Possession of Controlled Substance
Case Number: VC-16-00161
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On 02-24-16, at approximately 0225 hours, VCPD Officer Eric Triebold was on patrol when he observed a white 2012 Chevrolet Impala exit the eastbound ramp of I-94 at exit 294. At the end of the ramp, the vehicle turned left, or north, with its right turn signal still operating. The Impala crossed over I-94 and then turned left to enter the westbound on ramp, without using a turn signal. A traffic stop was then initiated for the observed traffic violations.

Upon the officer's request for the driver's license registration and insurance information, the driver stated that his license was suspended. The license suspension was then verified through the Barnes County Communications Center. The driver was identified as Gabriel Hansen, age 36, from Jamestown, ND.

Observing indicators of possible intoxicated driving Hansen was requested to submit to, which he did, and passed, a Standardized Field Sobriety Test. Hansen was placed under arrest for Driving Under Suspension. While being searched for weapons prior to transport a large stack of U.S. currency was located in Hansen's front pocket.

While Hansen was being transported to the Barnes County Corrections Center for booking, Officer Horner remained at the scene with the vehicle for the purposes of an impound. Hansen's passenger, Timothy Lindermann, age 46, of Valley City, ND, could not take possession of the vehicle as he did not have a valid Driver's License. Lindermann was offered the opportunity to sit in the patrol car to stay warm while the impound was being completed and after which the officer would transport Lindermann to his residence.

While conducting the impound inventory a plastic baggie was located containing a greenish-blue crystalline substance which the officer believed through his training and experience was illegal narcotics. The baggie and its contents were found in the passenger side door storage compartment, alongside where Lindermann was sitting.

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Lindermann was advised of his Rights per Miranda after which he denied any knowledge of the baggie and its contents. Lindermann was then placed under arrest.

The contents of the baggie tested positive for methamphetamine in a preliminary test, and weighed 3.4 ounces, and will be sent to the ND State Laboratory for confirmative testing. The currency held by Hansen, \$1012.50, was impounded as evidence for possible seizure.

Both Hansen and Lindermann were booked at the Barnes County Corrections Center for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Hansen was also booked for Driving Under Suspension and Improper Use of Turn Signal.

This investigation is continuing and the Valley City Police Department is requesting that anyone with any information on this case to contact us at (701) 845-3110.