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PRESS RELEASE

Incident: Wanted Subject
Case Number: VC-16-00411
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On 06-04-16, at approximately 1000 hours, Sergeant Dan Anderson, of the Barnes County Sheriff's Office was off duty and in the area of the 800 block of 3rd Street SW, Valley City, ND. At that time Sgt. Anderson observed a male subject exit a vehicle which at stopped at that location. Sgt. Anderson immediately recognized the subject as Shelton Amar Ard, age 38, and knew that Ard had an existing and active felony warrant for Ard's arrest.

Sgt. Anderson maintained observation of the location and notified the Barnes County Communications Center and requested assistance. VCPD officers arrived on scene and met with Sgt. Anderson. The existence of the felony warrant was confirmed after which the officers present set up a perimeter on the location. Subsequent investigation identified the apartment at 814 4th Street SW was the exact location of Ard.

VCPD officers then attempted contact at the 814 4th Street SW but were unsuccessful in making contact at the apartment. Believing that Ard was inside the apartment VCPD personnel then started the process of obtaining a Search Warrant for Ard at the apartment as well as the possible possession of a controlled substance due to the strong odor of marijuana at the door that was detected by the officers present.

In recent months VCPD personnel had received intelligence that Ard had been seen in possession of a weapon, a handgun, and also been observed waving it around. Because of the possibility of Ard having a weapon, and in the interest of safety, the James River Valley Special Operations Team (SOT) was contacted and requested to serve the Search Warrant. While waiting for the arrival of SOT approximately 20 residences were either evacuated or sheltered-in-place.

After the arrival of SOT and prior to the serving of the Search Warrant, Ard exited the apartment in the apparent response to repeated Public Address System calls being made from a police vehicle. Ard was taken into custody without injury or incident and transported to the Barnes County Corrections Center for booking on the felony warrant.

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As the Search Warrant also covered the possible possession of a controlled substance the apartment was then searched. A quantity of narcotics paraphernalia was located as well as other evidence covered by the Search Warrant.

Additional charges for Ard are expected as a result of the execution of the Search Warrant. 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.