

**Lake County Sheriff's Office  
Mark C. Curran Jr., Sheriff**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**For Immediate Release**

**Date:** September 20, 2018  
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**Three Wisconsin Men Arrested, Armed with Guns, Masks, and  
Drugs**

On September 19, 2018, at approximately 2:30AM, a Lake County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Route 173 and Lotus Avenue, Antioch Township. The driver of the vehicle, Davey J. Shower, 24, of the W800 block of Eau Claire Road, Genoa City, Wisconsin, was driving on a revoked driver's license.

While speaking with Shower and the other occupants of the vehicle, the alert Sheriff's Deputy observed cocaine in the vehicle. The Sheriff's Deputy subsequently searched the vehicle and recovered over 15 grams of cocaine, 100 pills of Alprazolam, three loaded firearms, three masks, three heavyweight jackets, and a crowbar. Shower and the passengers in the vehicle, Thomas R. Fleckenstein, 27, of the 1800 block of Conant Street, Lake Geneva, WI, and Jacob R. Lapenta, 21, of the N1500 block of Powers Lake Road, Genoa City, Wisconsin, were taken into custody.

All three individuals were transported to the Lake County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Section. Through further investigation, members of the Lake County Sheriff's Gang Task Force learned the three individuals were on their way to retaliate against a group of others, stemming from a previous altercation.

The three were charged with the following:

Fleckenstein:

Armed Violence (Class X Felony)

Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver (Class X Felony)

Two counts of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (Class 1 Felonies)

Three counts of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon (Class 4 Felonies)

Fleckenstein remains held in the Lake County Jail on \$100,000.00 bail. He is next due in court on 9/21/18 at 1:30PM in Courtroom T110.

Shower:

Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (Class 4 Felony)

Obstructing Identification (Class A Misdemeanor)

Traffic Violations

Shower remains held in the Lake County Jail on \$10,000.00 bail. He is next due in court on 10/25/18 at 1:30PM in Courtroom T110

Lapenta:

Unlawful Use of a Weapon (Class A Misdemeanor)

Lapenta was released on a \$1,500.00 Recognizance Bond pending a return court date of 10/22/18 at 9:00AM in Courtroom C-401.

Sheriff Mark Curran said, "An alert Sheriff's Deputy successfully stopped a violent confrontation from taking place, which would have likely resulted in a homicide. Our personnel work diligently to arrest violent offenders and keep Lake County safe, which is exactly what took place in this situation."

Sheriff Curran reminds the public the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

**End of Release**