



Gunnison County Sheriff's Office Press Release

*******If a defendant is charged with a crime in any of the following incidents, it should be emphasized that the charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty***

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September 24, 2018

Tickets: 8

Warnings: 31

1. 09/11/18, officers responded 6 miles north for a suspicious activity report; case still is being tracked.
2. 09/15/18 officer served a 35-year-old male a cruelty to animal citation for an event that had taken place in the first part of August.
3. 09/16/18, officers assisted the Gunnison Police with an arrest at North Spruce Street.
4. 09/16/18, officers assisted the National Park Service with a child welfare issue near the Bay of Chickens.
5. 09/16/18, officers assisted the Gunnison Police with a possible child welfare issue within Gunnison.
6. 09/17/18, officers assisted the Colorado State Patrol with a traffic accident near the 9-mile mark of Highway 135.
7. 09/17/18, North District officers responded to a vehicle fire near the 10-mile mark of Highway 133.
8. 09/17/18, officers received a report concerning a scam where the victim had surrendered \$1,000 in "fines" imposed by the "IRS" and was requested by the individual posing as an IRS Agent to further satisfy additional penalties that exceeded \$13,000. By the time the intruder called back to set up the transfer instructions the victim was at the Sheriff's Office and handed the phone to Sheriff Besecker. The Sheriff identified himself at which point the individual on the other end became brazen and defiant stating that he (the criminal) did not believe that who he was talking to was the Sheriff. Further conversation was less than polite by the Sheriff. Although Sheriff Besecker disconnected the conversation the man with a foreign accent attempted to call back. The victim was advised the Sheriff to block the number. Sheriff Besecker has also received countless calls at his home from the same scam artist as has scores of Gunnison County citizens. These thieves have developed their sadistic activity to an art form and can be quite convincing on the telephone. It is recommended that if you

reservations concerning the lividity of the verbal credentials posed by a caller, hang up and look up the number of the IRS or your local law enforcement agency with any questions you may have.

9. 09/17/18, officers received a report concerning criminal mischief to an unattended vehicle next to East Highway 50.
10. 09/18/18, North District officers responded to a forest fire near County Road 12 and US Forest Service Road 776. The 5 acre fire was an accidental blaze started by a sheep herder. US Forest Service took over.
11. 09/18/18, officers received reports upon several occasions that a large bear and two cubs visit an address located near Highway 50 and attempt to gain entry into a residence. The officers were successful in convincing the wild animals to leave. Colorado Parks and Wildlife has been notified.
12. 09/18/18, officers received a report concerning an IRS telephone scam. Reporting party did not participate.
13. 09/19/18, officers responded to a single vehicle rollover accident near the 173 mark of Highway 50.
14. 09/19/18, officers received a report concerning a lost Smith and Wesson semiautomatic handgun. The victim believes that he lost it on Forest Service Road 839 (Alpine Tunnel Road).
15. 09/20/18, officers received a report concerning a possible misconduct by juveniles on a school bus. The circumstance was unfounded.
16. 09/21/18, officers assisted the Colorado State Patrol with three children and a dog while CSP investigated a two car accident near the 191 mile mark of Highway 50.
17. 09/22/19, approximately 1:00 am officers responded to a loud party complaint at an address near County Road 17 (Antelope Hills).
18. 09/23/18, officers responded to a reported road-rage reports near the 169 mile mark of Highway 50.
19. 09/23/18, officers received a report concerning theft. Investigations revealed that this was a civil case.
20. 09/23/18, officers received a report concerning the theft of money from a business west of Gunnison. Later the same day a greater portion of the money was found by the business owner. However, there is still money reported missing. This case continues to be investigated.

21. Inmate Daily Count

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09/17/2018 to 09/24/2018

Date Daily Inmate Count New Incarcerations New Releases

Total Inmate Days	202
Lowest Inmate Count	23
Highest Inmate Count	29
Average Inmate Count	25.25
New Incarcerations	6
Total Releases	10