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**Subject: Burglary Leads to Arrest**

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On 06/12/14 at approximately 4:45 a.m. officers were dispatched to St. Bernard's Church after a custodian arrived and found the lower door panels to the rectory had been kicked out. The officers conducted a search of the rectory and could hear footsteps coming from the attic. Officers determined that the attic door was barricaded by the suspect and could not be opened. A perimeter was established and a K9 was requested to the scene.

Officers made an announcement for the suspect, later identified as Sherman Prochnau (51) of Fortuna, to exit the attic and Prochnau acknowledged the command. Prochnau opened the attic door and began climbing down the ladder. Prochnau initially followed officers commands but resisted when officers attempted to take him into custody.

After multiple warnings Prochnau failed to follow verbal commands and continued to resist. The K9 was utilized to assist in the apprehension. Prochnau was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital for treatment of the injuries he sustained during his apprehension. At the hospital a syringe and baggie of methamphetamine were found concealed on Prochnau's person. Upon his release from the hospital, Prochnau will be booked for burglary, resisting arrest, and possession of a controlled substance.

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