Press Release

Date: 12/16/2023

On 12/16/23 at 3:44 p.m., the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the area of 258th St and 475th Ave for a weapons violation. Upon arrival Deputies learned that the victim was at the intersection of 18th St and Blaine Ave in Sioux Falls, SD when BELL, LEMUEL RENARD, 55 years old, entered the rear driver side door and brandished what the victim believed to be a gun and forced her to drive out into the County. The victim said that she stopped her car and Bell attempted to force her out of her car, but she was able to fend him off and she drove to a business at Renner Corner and they contacted Law Enforcement. Shortly after the Sheriff's Office received an additional call of a suspicious subject near the area where she escaped and Bell was located and detained. Bell was arrested and taken to the Minnehaha County Jail where he was lodged for robbery, aggravated assault, kidnapping, narcotics charges and several local warrants. The victim was not injured and there is not a danger to the public. This incident is under investigation by the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office.

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