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Effingham Man Arrested on Drug Charges Related to Overdose

On Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 8:29 A.M. Effingham Police Bureau of Patrol received a report of a possible overdose for an 18 year old female who was being transported to HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital. Upon arrival, Officers and Detectives from the Bureau of Criminal Investigations spoke with the patient and conducted interviews of friends and family members in an attempt to determine what type of drug was taken. Through information learned from these interviews, Detectives were able to identify the drug as a prescription narcotic which was obtained illegally from a local man, William R. Carter, 20, Effingham.

Detectives met with Carter at his residence, where a consensual search was conducted which resulted in the recovery of prescription drugs and drug paraphernalia. Carter was taken into custody and charged with Manufacture and/or Delivery of a Controlled Substance, a Class 3 Felony. Carter's bond will be set at his first appearance in Court, which is scheduled for this morning.

Chief Jeffrey Fuesting is very pleased with the swift teamwork of his Officers and Detectives, which resulted in critical information necessary to treat the patient, as well as the rapid arrest of Carter who supplied the drugs. "This young lady is very fortunate that she survived. Our Department is resolute in our commitment to combat illegal drug sales, and protect the citizens of Effingham from the harm and destruction that comes from illegal drugs. Functioning as a team, our Officers and Detectives worked diligently to gather information to help this young lady and resolve this situation with positive results."

The investigation is still continuing, and additional charges and arrests are pending.