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July 4th Activity

Somerset police officers were busy throughout the 4th of July holiday weekend for 2009.

Patrol units responded to 235 calls for service between 6:00 PM Friday and midnight Sunday night.

There were no injury accidents and six collisions with no injury.

Seven people were arrested for DUI and four were charged with Alcohol or Public Intoxication.

Four people were charged with a total of 10 counts of drug violations.

A Monticello man and an Indiana woman have been charged with endangering their two children during two separate DUI stops.

At 4:34 AM on July 4th, SPD Officer Derek Flynn stopped Amanda Norris, age 28, of Anderson, Indiana for weaving on KY 914.

During his investigation, Officer Flynn placed Norris under arrest for DUI after she failed several field sobriety tests. Officer Flynn's investigation showed Norris had been smoking marijuana while driving her vehicle from Indiana to Kentucky.

Norris was charged with DUI, Possession of Marijuana, and Possession of a Controlled Substance 2nd Degree.

Norris was also charged with two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Minor for driving under the influence while her 9-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter in the car. The kids, along with their father, Michael Bridgeman, age 34, of Monticello were released to family members.

However, almost 10 hours later at 2:32 PM, Michael Bridgeman was pulled over by SPD Officer William Cowan on South 27 for driving across the center line.

Bridgeman failed a series of field sobriety tests and was arrested for DUI when it was discovered he had been smoking marijuana and taking Hydrocodone pills.

The couple's children were in the car again and additional charges were placed against Michael Bridgeman for 2 counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Minor.

The children were later released to a family member.

