



# Watertown Police Department News Release

<b>Type of Incident</b> Check Forgery and Theft of Motor Vehicles		<b>Date</b> 8/3/10	<b>Time</b>
<b>Location of Incident</b> Sharps Chevrolet and numerous businesses			
<b>Person #1 Arrested</b> David Michael Lee	<b>DOB</b> 12/10/1959	<b>Address</b>	
<b>Charges</b> Parole Absconder, Grand Theft, Possession of Stolen Property, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Burglary			
<b>Bond</b> No bond	<b>Arrest Time</b> 12:55 PM	<b>Arrest Location</b> 715 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW	
<b>Victim</b> Sharps Chevrolet Prairie Stop Hyvee Coffee Cup Cowboy Stores	<b>DOB</b>	<b>Address</b>	
		<b>Type of Injuries/Property Loss</b> Two Toyota pickups, thousands of dollars in fraudulent checks and forgery	
<b>Narrative</b> As previously reported, on 3/17/2010 two new Toyota Pickups were stolen from Sharps Chevrolet in Watertown, SD. A subsequent investigation identified David Michael Lee as the suspect in the thefts.  David Michael Lee was also identified as the suspect in numerous check forgeries in the Watertown area.  Due to agency cooperation, Lee was identified as a suspect in check forgeries and vehicle thefts in South Dakota, Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin. Agencies including (but not limited to) the Watertown Police Department, Brookings Police Department, Aberdeen Police Department, Minnesota Highway Patrol, and various agencies in ND, MN and WI participated in the investigation and manhunt for Lee. The FBI and US			

**Marshall service became involved with the case. On August 3, 2010 the US Marshals received information about Lee's location. The Marshals located Lee in Anoka County, MN and took him into custody after foot pursuit and scuffle, ending Lee's crime spree.**

**Lee is being held in the Anoka County Jail on multiple charges including drug charges, forgery, Fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle, theft, and multiple counts of check forgery.**

**Lee has pending warrants in several counties in SD, including warrants from Codington County for check forgery and vehicle theft. Lee's warrants in Codington County total \$12500.**

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