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# Fort Dodge Police Department

## Media Release

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### <u>Title:</u> Fugitive Apprehension – Alan J. Dornhuber - 1200 Blk 6<sup>th</sup> Ave N

**Narrative:** On Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Officers Nick Ruggles and Chris Weiland responded to a call in the 400 block of 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW to investigate suspicious activity. The resident and a relative reported that on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 two males approached the residence and offered to repair the roof. The males said they represented Suburban Roofing, a company based out of Waterloo, Iowa and even provided a business card. **They did not produce a City of Fort Dodge Solicitor's permit.** The males left the area after speaking with the resident.

On Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the resident returned home to find the same two subjects at her residence, with one walking around on her roof. One of the men indicated that they had spoken with her insurance company and had permission to do repairs on the resident's roof and that the repairs would be taken care of at no cost to her. The resident declined the work and the subjects left again.

On Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the resident spoke with a relative and reported the incidents because of the suspicious nature. Since the subjects were gone Officer Ruggles and Weiland documented the incident for future reference. They also found that Suburban Roofing is a legitimate company, but again they had not applied for or received a City of Fort Dodge Solicitor's permit.

On Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at approximately 12:39 p.m., Officers Nick Ruggles and Chris Weiland of the Fort Dodge Police Department were on patrol in the area of 1200 Blk of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. North. The officers located a vehicle matching the one in the earlier incidents on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in the 400 block of 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW. The vehicle, a white 1994 Dodge Ram pickup with Iowa plates, also had ladders on it and Suburban Roofing

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Company placards on it. Ruggles and Weiland approached the vehicle and quickly identified two subjects connected to the vehicle.

The subjects were identified as:

- 1. Alan J. Dornhuber (64) Last known address: 3411 Sego Glen Circle Las Vegas, NV
- 2. Linda K Finch-Estrada (55) Last known address: Henderson, NV

Through the investigation officers discovered that Mr. Dornhuber had an outstanding felony warrants from the state of Nevada for a variety of felony theft and fraud charges. The bond requested on the warrants was \$3,000,000. Mr. Dornhuber was taken into custody and transported to the Webster County Jail for booking. Mr. Dornhuber was booked into the Webster County Jail on his outstanding warrants. Booking photos of Mr. Dornhuber should be requested at (515) 573-1462. As with all arrests, Mr. Dornhuber is considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Initially the warrant check on Ms. Finch-Estrada did not indicate that she had any warrants for her arrest so she was released. Later, in speaking with staff from the Nevada Attorney General's Office officers learned that Ms. Finch-Estrada was in fact wanted. As of the incident yesterday, Ms.Finch-Estrada was wanted for the same type of theft and fraud charges as Mr. Dornhuber. Officers attempted to relocate Ms. Finch-Estrada, but were unable to locate her in Fort Dodge. Anyone with information on Ms. Finch-Estrada's current location should contact local law enforcement. You may also contact Investigator Chris Klein with the Nevada Attorney General's Office. Mr. Klein can be reached at (702) 486-0613 or by email at <a href="mailto:cklein@ag.nv.gov">cklein@ag.nv.gov</a>. I have attached copy of Ms. Finch-Estrada yourself.

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Lynda K. Finch-Estrada Description: White Female 5'2" 220 lbs Blue eyes Blonde hair



**Note:** It is important to note that without the call from the local residents and the observant work of our officers we would not have located and apprehended Mr. Dornhuber. Although Mr. Dornhuber was employed by a legitimate company we are still investigating his activities in Fort Dodge. Anyone with information about criminal activity associated with Mr. Dornhuber should contact the Fort Dodge Police Department at (515) 573-1426.

We are also reminding all our community members to follow the fraud prevention tips from previous bulletins, news stories and releases. They include verifying that the person has a valid City of Fort Dodge Solicitor's permit. Don't allow a sales person to pressure you into making any deal – especially with regard to insurance reimbursement. Report suspicious activity – with as much detail as possible. It may just prevent you or someone you care about from becoming a victim of a fraud or theft.

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