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**DATE: 05/06/2013**

**NATURE OF INCIDENT: Duluth Man Arrested for Heroin Sales**

**CASE NO.: 13083931**

**INCIDENT DATE :05/02/2013**

**INCIDENT TIME: 5:10 PM**

**INCIDENT LOCATION: 3900 block West 5th Street**

**SUBJECT: Duluth Man Arrested for Heroin Sales**

**BY: DPD Public Information Officer Jim Hansen (218) 390-2232**

On Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 at 5:10 PM Duluth Police officers and investigators with the Lake Superior Drug & Violent Crime Task Force were conducting pre-warrant surveillance at a residence in the 3900 block of West 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

The resident and subject of the investigation Nino Alonzo Franklin, a 38 year old male, arrived home and spotted an unmarked squad car and fled in his GMC Yukon, ramming an occupied unmarked squad car and driving through a playground across the street. Several citizens called 911 shortly after and reported the vehicle had crashed near 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue West and Medina Street. Investigators located Franklin on foot a short distance away and he was arrested. Investigators re-traced the route that Franklin took when he fled on foot and located \$4,600.00 in US currency behind a residence.

Investigators executed the search warrant at his residence in the 3900 block of West 5<sup>th</sup> Street and located 13.2 grams of heroin, scales, packing along with other evidence of drug sales. Also, 2 firearms were located along with several EBT cards that Franklin had been taking in trade for heroin. During an interview with Franklin he admitted to selling heroin to the person that we had an overdose call on 4/26/13, where that person had to be hospitalized.

**Nino Alonzo Franklin has the following convictions in Minnesota:**

2005 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Burglary, 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Domestic Assault, Obstructing Legal Process (Misdemeanor)

2006 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Burglary

2008 - 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Felony Possession of a Controlled Substance, 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Domestic Assault

2009 - Predatory Offender Knowingly Violates Registration Requirements or Intentionally Provides False Information (Felony)

2012 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Burglary

Nino Franklin was transported to the Saint Louis County Jail and has been formally charged

with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Possession with a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell and 2 Counts of Possession of a Firearm by a Felon.

