

December 2, 2024

## **Suspect arrested in connection to weekend burglary and unlawful entry in Minot early Sunday morning**

At approximately 2:00 a.m. on Nov. 30, 2024, officers from the Minot Police Department responded to a residence in northeast Minot regarding a reported theft from a motor vehicle. The victim reported that an air compressor had been stolen from their vehicle.

Later, at approximately 2:30 a.m., officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint in northwest Minot. During their investigation, it was determined that a male suspect had entered an attached garage at a nearby residence and rummaged through a vehicle parked inside.

On December 1, 2024, at approximately 3:15 a.m., officers located a vehicle associated with the suspect at a northwest Minot gas station. The suspect, Coty Smith, a 31-year-old male from Minot, was subsequently arrested. Smith is charged with burglary (Class B Felony), unlawful entry of a motor vehicle (Class C Felony), possession of a controlled substance (Class C Felony, second or subsequent offense), and possession of drug paraphernalia (Class C Felony, second or subsequent offense).

Smith was transported to the Ward County Jail.

The investigation is ongoing.