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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Felony Suspect Apprehended by Lakeville Police Following Extensive Search**

May 15, 2025

Case Number: LA25001860

Lakeville, Minnesota— On May 15, 2025, at approximately 1:15 p.m., the Lakeville Police Department responded to Ardmor Village located in the 20900 block of Cedar Avenue, after receiving information that a male subject with multiple active felony warrants was in the area. The 24-year-old male was known to officers from recent contacts and previously demonstrated a tendency to flee law enforcement in a motor vehicle.

As officers arrived in the area, the suspect fled in a motor vehicle that was determined to be stolen. The vehicle made contact with squad cars as it exited Ardmor Village and ultimately entered a field area west of Cedar Avenue and south of 190<sup>th</sup> Street. Officers later found the abandoned vehicle and determined the suspect fled on foot. A perimeter around the general area was quickly established with assistance from several surrounding agencies.

Multiple K-9 teams, a drone unit and a Minnesota State Patrol helicopter conducted an extensive search of nearby wooded areas and buildings. During this time, the Lakeville Police Department coordinated with the Dakota 911 Dispatch Center to issue a “Shelter in Place” alert for those in the immediate area, as a precaution, while the search was underway.

Shortly before 4:00 p.m., the perimeter was released after the suspect was not located in the area being searched. A cancelation of the “Shelter in Place” alert was issued shortly after.

At approximately 5:00 p.m., an observant resident in the 19200 block of Harappa Avenue contacted 911 to report a male matching a brief suspect description, shared earlier by Lakeville Police Department’s social media, may be hiding on their porch. Officers arrived and took the male into custody without further incident. He was confirmed to be Erik Arreola Morales, the subject of the earlier search. He was transported to the Dakota County Jail and is being held on several new charges related to today’s events, in addition to the outstanding warrants for his arrest.

The Lakeville Police Department has received reports that the cancelation notice for the “Shelter in Place” alert cancellation may have reached a broader audience than originally intended. We are actively working with our partners at Dakota 911 to troubleshoot and identify the cause. We thank the public



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for their cooperation, understanding and assistance throughout the incident. We also extend our gratitude to the multiple law enforcement agencies that supported today's search and response efforts.

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