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### **ISPD Investigates Crash, Discovers Narcotics, and a Gun**

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On April 22, 2022, at approximately 05:53am Clear Creek County Dispatchers aired a REDDI (Report Every Drunk Driver Immediately) on I-70 Westbound described as a grey Jeep Grand Cherokee, with a broken right rear window. The vehicle had been unable to maintain lane or speed, hit the guardrail and exited the highway without stopping. At approximately 07:06 am that same morning an ISPD officer responded to a report of a grey Jeep Grand Cherokee hitting a light pole as well as a parked semi-truck who was parked at the chain up station I-70 Eastbound at the 241.5. When ISPD officers arrived, a male suspect identified at Nicholas James Bottoms DOB:05/12/1989 had exited the vehicle and was lying face down across the back seat of the jeep with his hand's underneath him. ISPD officers noticed spent 9mm casings and observed a box for a revolver. The Officer also observed miscellaneous suspected narcotics scattered inside and outside the vehicle. ISPD officers got the male suspect, who was incoherent, out of the vehicle for EMS to administer aid.

Officers located a semi-automatic handgun, ammunition for multiple firearms, as well as drugs, drug paraphilia, and instruments commonly used for distribution of illegal drugs. In total ISPD officers recovered in total 427 rounds of ammunition, 50 grams of cocaine, 24 grams of methamphetamine, a small bag of fentanyl, and all the instruments (scales, and individual distribution baggies) used for the selling of illegal drugs.

Due to the suspect's injuries from the motor vehicle crash, the suspect was transported to a nearby hospital to treat his injuries. An arrest warrant was issued for Nicholas Bottoms DOB: 05/12/1989 for the following charges with a \$100,000.00 bond: Unlawful possession of controlled substance, Unlawful distribution (Class 2 felony), Prohibited use of a firearm, Special offender (Class 1 felony), Violation of bond condition x2, DUI alcohol or drugs or both, Reckless Driving, Driving while license revoked, and Violation of Protection Order x8.

