

HENRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Sheriff Richard McNamee

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On February 22nd, 2026, at approximately 2:10 a.m., the Henry County Sheriff's Office received a report of an SUV traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes of Highway 34. Henry County Dispatch fielded several 911 calls giving updated location information about the vehicle. The vehicle was located, still traveling in the incorrect lanes, and safely stopped near mile marker 239 of Highway 34.

An investigation into the incident determined Chad Hohenthauer, 54 of Niota, IL, was driving on the wrong side of a two-way highway. Hohenthauer was placed under arrest and transported to the Henry County Jail. Hohenthauer was charged with Operating While Intoxicated, 1st Offense, a serious misdemeanor, Open Container, and Driving on Wrong Side of Two-Way Highway, both scheduled violations.

*****A criminal charge is merely an accusation, and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.*****

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