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**NO-KNOCK WARRANT**

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# INTRODUCTION

No-knock search warrants are sought by Minnesota law enforcement when an agency believes there is an investigative or safety reason to execute the warrant without prior notice, such as a knock on a door. As is the case with other search warrants, no-knock warrant applications are granted or denied by a judge.

Minnesota statute 626.14, subdivision 4 requires all law enforcement agencies that apply for no-knock search warrants to report the following data to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) within three months of issuance or denial:

- 1) The number of no-knock search warrants requested;
- 2) The number of no-knock search warrants the court issued;
- 3) The number of no-knock search warrants executed;
- 4) The number of injuries and fatalities suffered, if any, by peace officers and civilians in execution of no-knock search warrants; and
- 5) Any other information the commissioner requests.

This report fulfills the further requirement that DPS compile the data into a report for the Minnesota Legislature.

DPS does not hold data on the status of cases related to warrants (open/closed), nor on whether the warrants are sealed, or the undercover status of any officer involved with executing the warrants. Information in this report is provided with as much specificity as possible while assuming the possibility that at least one of these conditions exist.

# BACKGROUND

Minnesota statute 626.14, subdivision 4 went into effect on September 1, 2021.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), a division of DPS, developed and provided a form to law enforcement agencies in November 2021 that enables law enforcement agencies that apply for no knock search warrants to report the data required by statute in a uniform manner.

The information provided to and compiled by the BCA in this report covers the reporting period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Some warrant applications are initially denied but are granted or again denied after the applicant provides additional information. In these circumstances, this report contains information on the final submission and judge's decision.

This report includes both warrants for entry and non-entry execution. Non-entry no-knock warrants do not involve entry of a premises (i.e. for no-knock warrants involving mobile tracking device installation or K-9 sniffs).

# NO-KNOCK WARRANT APPLICATION OUTCOME

This section of the report contains a by-agency listing of the number of applications made, issued by a judge, denied by a judge and executed. Agencies not listed in this report did not report any no-knock warrant data to the Department of Public Safety in 2023.

## No-Knock Warrant Application by Agency

Agency Name	Warrants Requested	Warrants Issued	Warrants Denied	Warrants Executed
Alexandria Police Department	3	3	0	3
Bloomington Police Department	2	2	0	2
Brooklyn Park Police Department	11	9	2	9
Burnsville Police Department	1	1	0	0
Chisago County Sheriff	1	1	0	1
Eagan Police Department	1	0	1	0
Hennepin County Sheriff	37	35	2	32
Houston County Sheriff	1	1	0	0
Isanti County Sheriff	3	3	0	3
Kanabec County Sheriff	1	1	0	1
McLeod County Sheriff	1	1	0	1
Mille Lacs County Sheriff	1	1	0	1
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	4	4	0	2
Minnesota Department of Public Safety – Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division	8	8	0	5
Pine County Sheriff	4	4	0	3
Ramsey County Sheriff	1	1	0	1
Sherburne County Sheriff	2	2	0	1
St. Cloud Police Department	1	1	0	1
St. Louis County Sheriff	1	1	0	1
St. Louis Park Police Department	1	1	0	1
Stearns County Sheriff	1	1	0	1
Willmar Police Department	2	2	0	1
Winona County Sheriff	1	1	0	1
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>71</b>

# NO-KNOCK WARRANT EXECUTIONS BY PRIMARY OFFENSE AND AGENCY

This section of the report contains a by-agency listing of offenses related to executed no-knock search warrants. It also contains information about whether the evidence sought in the warrant was located.

## No-Knock Warrant Executions by Primary Offense and Agency

Agency Name	Warrant Primary Offense	Warrants Requested	Warrants Issued	Warrants Denied	Warrants Executed	Warrant Executions Where the Sought Evidence/ Individual was Located
Alexandria Police Department	Drug/Narcotic Violations	2	2	0	2	2
	Robbery	1	1	0	1	1
Bloomington Police Department	Aggravated Assault	1	1	0	1	1
	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	0	1	1
Brooklyn Park Police Department	Aggravated Assault	6	5	1	5	5
	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	0	1	1
	Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter	1	1	0	1	1
	Weapon Law Violations	3	2	1	2	1
Burnsville Police Department	Aggravated Assault	1	1	0	0	0
Chisago County Sheriff	Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter	1	1	0	1	1
Eagan Police Department	All Other Offenses	1	0	1	0	0
Hennepin County Sheriff	Drug/Narcotic Violations	35	33	2	30	30
	Weapon Law Violations	2	2	0	2	2
Houston County Sheriff	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	0	0	0
Isanti County Sheriff	Drug/Narcotic Violations	3	3	0	3	3
Kanabec County Sheriff	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	0	1	1
McLeod County Sheriff	Weapon Law Violations	1	1	0	1	0
Mille Lacs County Sheriff	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	0	1	1
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	Drug/Narcotic Violations	4	4	0	2	2
Minnesota Department of Public Safety – Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division	Burglary/Breaking and Entering	3	3	0	2	2
	Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	1	0	1	1
	Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	4	4	0	2	2
Pine County Sheriff	Drug/Narcotic Violations	4	4	0	3	3
Ramsey County Sheriff	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	0	1	1
Sherburne County Sheriff	Drug/Narcotic Violations	2	2	0	1	1
St. Cloud Police Department	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	0	1	1
St. Louis County Sheriff	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	0	1	1

# NO-KNOCK WARRANT EXECUTIONS BY PRIMARY OFFENSE AND AGENCY

## No-Knock Warrant Executions by Primary Offense and Agency *(continued)*

Agency Name	Warrant Primary Offense	Warrants Requested	Warrants Issued	Warrants Denied	Warrants Executed	Warrant Executions Where the Sought Evidence/ Individual was Located
St. Louis Park Police Department	All Other Offenses	1	1	0	1	1
Stearns County Sheriff	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	0	1	1
Willmar Police Department	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	0	1	1
	Simple Assault	1	1	0	0	0
Winona County Sheriff	Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter	1	1	0	1	1
<b>Statewide Total</b>		<b>89</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>69</b>

# METHOD OF EXECUTION

All agencies that executed warrants contained in this report applied for and were granted no-knock warrants. However, not all warrants were ultimately executed. Others were executed, but not as a no-knock. Agencies may choose to not execute a warrant if the evidence/individual is no longer being sought. Agencies may determine it is no longer necessary to execute the warrant as a no-knock. This section of the report identifies the number of warrants that were executed by each agency as a no-knock, a knock and announce, and non-entry into a premises.

## No-Knock Warrant Method of Execution

Agency Name	No-Knock Entry	Knock and Announce Entry	Non-Entry into a Premises (i.e. K-9 Sniff, Ion Swab, Vehicle Tracker)
Alexandria Police Department	0	0	3
Bloomington Police Department	1	0	1
Brooklyn Park Police Department	5	4	0
Chisago County Sheriff	0	1	0
Hennepin County Sheriff	0	0	32
Isanti County Sheriff	0	0	3
Kanabec County Sheriff	0	0	1
McLeod County Sheriff	1	0	0
Mille Lacs County Sheriff	1	0	0
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	0	0	2
Minnesota Department of Public Safety – Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division	0	0	5
Pine County Sheriff	0	0	3
Ramsey County Sheriff	1	0	0
Sherburne County Sheriff	1	0	0
St. Cloud Police Department	1	0	0
St. Louis County Sheriff	0	0	1
St. Louis Park Police Department	1	0	0
Stearns County Sheriff	1	0	0
Willmar Police Department	1	0	0
Winona County Sheriff	0	0	1
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>52</b>



# NON-ENTRY WARRANT TYPES BY AGENCY

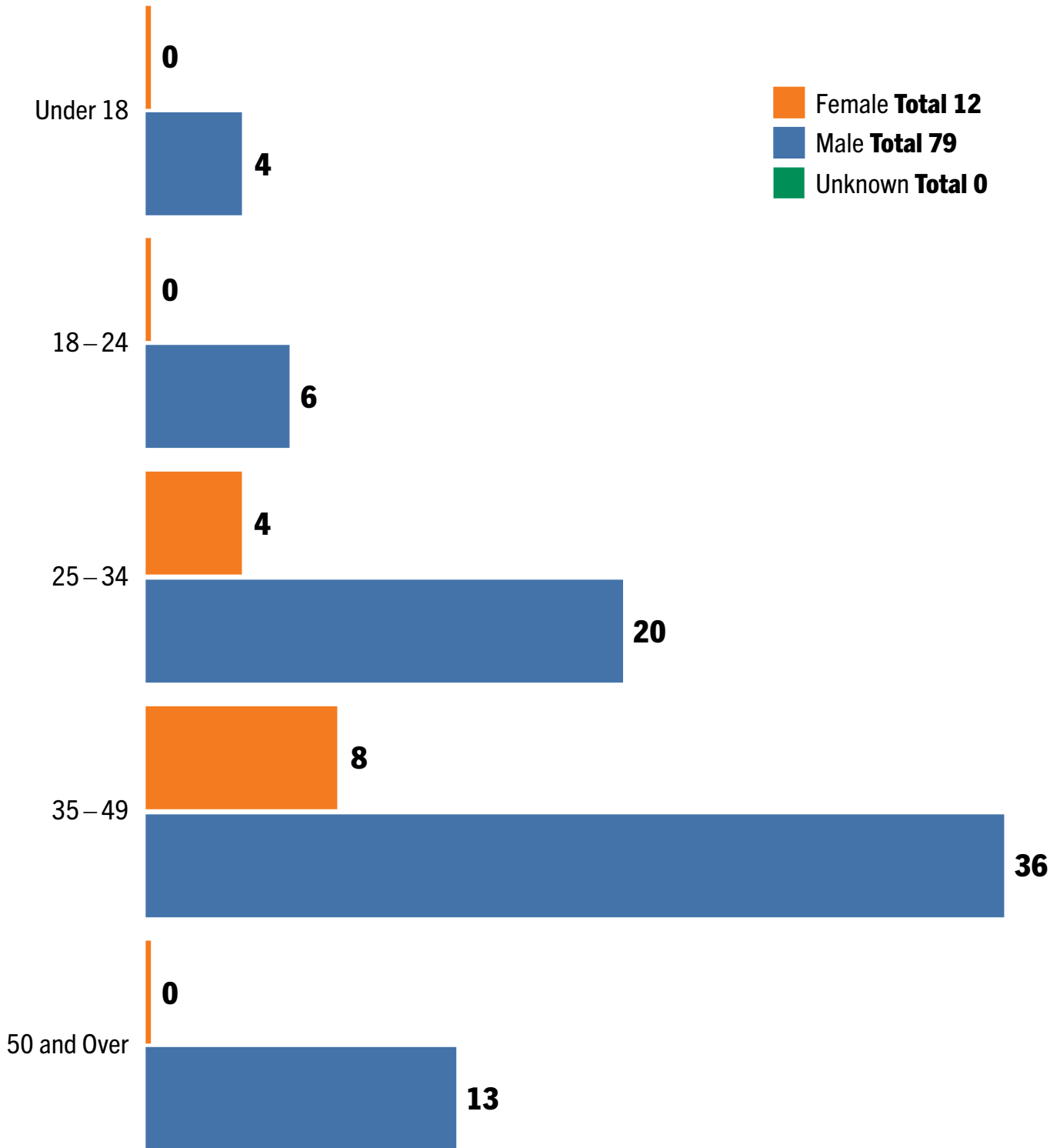
Investigators would not need to enter a premises if the purpose of the warrant is to search the property (versus a residence), attach a vehicle tracking device or swab a surface outside the premises. This section of the report lists non-entry warrants by agency and type.

## Non-Entry Warrant Types by Agency

Agency Name	Police K-9 Sniff	Ion Swab	Vehicle Tracker	Other
Alexandria Police Department	0	0	3	0
Bloomington Police Department	0	1	0	0
Hennepin County Sheriff	11	8	13	0
Isanti County Sheriff	0	0	3	0
Kanabec County Sheriff	0	0	1	0
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	0	0	2	0
Minnesota Department of Public Safety – Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division	0	0	5	0
Pine County Sheriff	0	0	2	1
St. Louis County Sheriff	0	1	0	0
Winona County Sheriff	0	0	1	0
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>

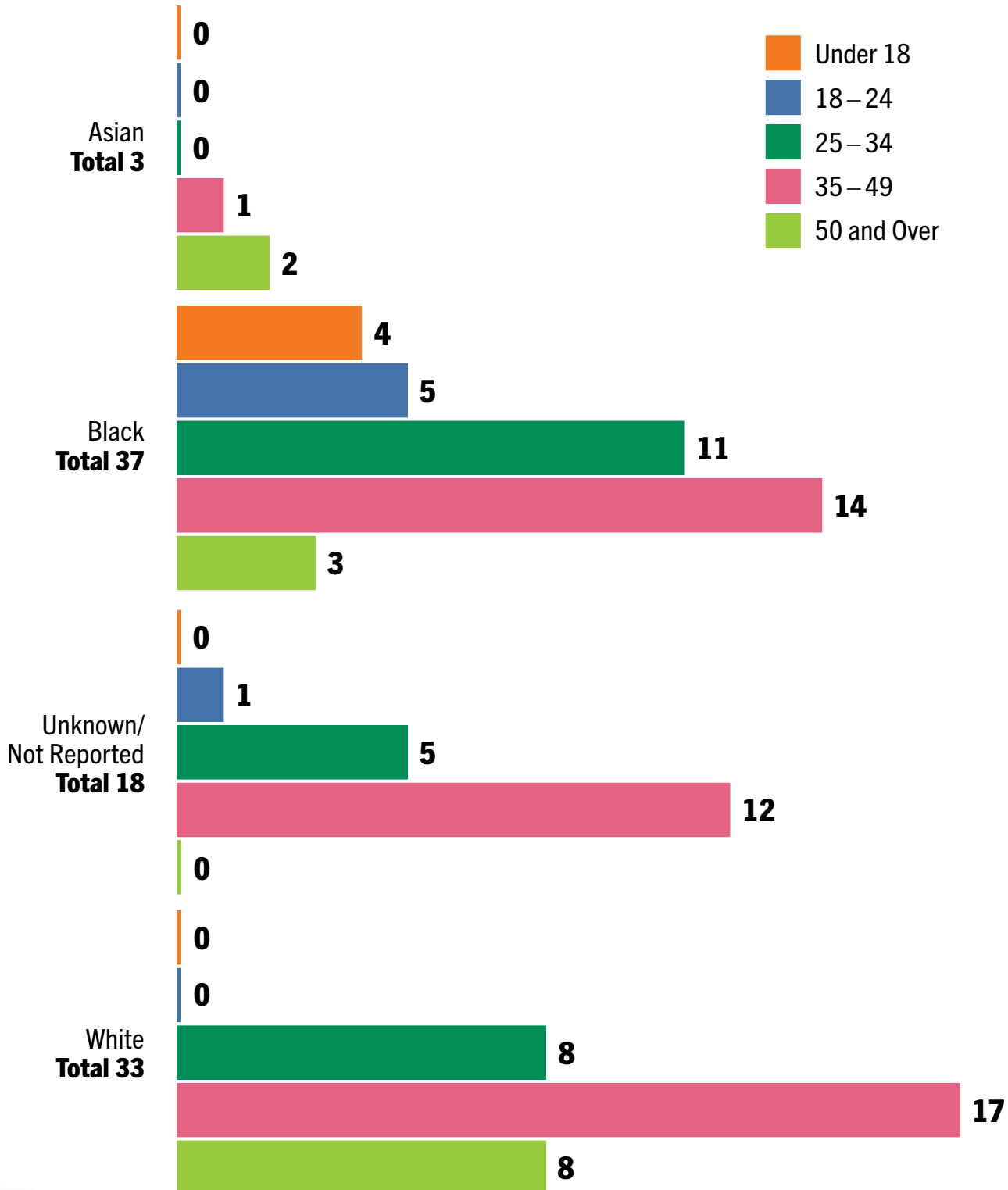
# SUBJECT AGE AND SEX

This section of the report contains age and gender information about the subject of no-knock search warrants, or the subject of the primary incident that led to the warrant application.



# SUBJECT AGE AND RACE

This section of the report contains information about the age and race of the subject of a no-knock search warrant, or the subject of the primary incident that led to the warrant application, if known. Ethnicity data, including data on Hispanic or non-Hispanic Caucasian ethnicities, was not collected from agencies for this report.



# NO-KNOCK WARRANT EXECUTED CITY

During some investigations, no-knock warrants are executed in other cities. This section of the report contains a by-agency list of the cities where the warrants were executed.

## No-Knock Warrants by Executed City

Agency Name	Warrant Execution City	Warrants Executed
Alexandria Police Department	Alexandria	3
Bloomington Department	Bloomington	2
Brooklyn Park Police Department	Brooklyn Park	8
	Coon Rapids	1
Chisago County Sheriff	Fish Lake Township	1
Hennepin County Sheriff	Brooklyn Center	4
	Brooklyn Park	2
	Coon Rapids	1
	Inver Grove Heights	1
	Maple Grove	1
	Minneapolis	13
	Oakdale	1
	St. Louis Park	1
Isanti County Sheriff	St. Paul	8
	Burnsville	1
Kanabec County Sheriff	Cambridge	2
	Brooklyn Center	1
McLeod County Sheriff	Winsted	1
Mille Lacs County Sheriff	St. Cloud	1
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	Anoka	1
	Brooklyn Center	1
Minnesota Department of Public Safety – Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division	Andover	1
	St. Paul	3
	Stillwater	1
Pine County Sheriff	Pine City	1
	Sturgeon Lake	2
Ramsey County Sheriff	Brooklyn Park	1
Sherburne County Sheriff	Santiago Township	1
St. Cloud Police Department	Waite Park	1
St. Louis County Sheriff	Aurora	1
St. Louis Park Police Department	St. Louis Park	1
Stearns County Sheriff	Waite Park	1
Willmar Police Department	Willmar	1
Winona County Sheriff	Rushford	1
<b>Statewide Total</b>		<b>71</b>

# NO-KNOCK WARRANT APPLICATION BY TASK FORCE

No-knock search warrants may be applied for and executed by law enforcement personnel who are working on behalf of their own agency or who are assigned to work as part of a law enforcement task force. This section of the report contains information about warrant applications made by a law enforcement agency employee that were ultimately executed by or in partnership with a law enforcement task force.

## Executed No-Knock Warrant Application Involving Task Force

Agency Name	Task Force Name	Warrants Executed
Alexandria Police Department	West Central Minnesota Violent Crime Task Force	2
Hennepin County Sheriff	Hennepin County Violent Offender Task Force	17
	Southwest Hennepin Drug Task Force	7
	West Metro Drug Task Force	8
Isanti County Sheriff	East Central Drug Task Force	3
Kanabec County Sheriff	East Central Drug Task Force	1
Mille Lacs County Sheriff	AIM Task Force	1
Pine County Sheriff	East Central Drug Task Force	3
Ramsey County Sheriff	Ramsey County Violent Crime Enforcement Team	1
Sherburne County Sheriff	Sherburne County Drug Task Force	1
St. Cloud Police Department	Central Minnesota Violent Offender Task Force	1
St. Louis County Sheriff	Lake Superior Gang and Drug Task Force	1
Stearns County Sheriff	Central Minnesota Violent Offender Task Force	1
Willmar Police Department	CEE-VI Gang and Narcotics Task Force	1
Winona County Sheriff	South East Minnesota Narcotics and Gang Task Force	1
<b>Statewide Total</b>		<b>49</b>

# SUBJECT RESISTANCE

This section contains agency totals on whether the subject resisted arrest.

## Executed No-Knock Warrant Subject Resistance

Agency Name	Subjects Resisting Police	Subjects Not Resisting Police
Alexandria Police Department	0	3
Bloomington Police Department	1	1
Brooklyn Park Police Department	2	10
Chisago County Sheriff	1	0
Hennepin County Sheriff	0	32
Isanti County Sheriff	0	3
Kanabec County Sheriff	0	1
McLeod County Sheriff	1	0
Mille Lacs County Sheriff	0	1
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	0	2
Minnesota Department of Public Safety – Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division	0	5
Pine County Sheriff	0	3
Ramsey County Sheriff	0	3
Sherburne County Sheriff	0	1
St. Cloud Police Department	0	1
St. Louis County Sheriff	0	1
St. Louis Park Police Department	0	1
Stearns County Sheriff	1	0
Willmar Police Department	0	1
Winona County Sheriff	0	1
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>70</b>

# SUBJECT INJURY INDICATED

This section contains the number of warrant subjects who died, were injured, or were not injured during a warrant execution.

## Executed No-Knock Warrant Subject Injury Indicated

Agency Name	Uninjured Subject	Injured Subjects	Fatally Injured Subjects
Alexandria Police Department	3	0	0
Bloomington Police Department	2	0	0
Brooklyn Park Police Department	12	0	0
Chisago County Sheriff	0	1	0
Hennepin County Sheriff	32	0	0
Isanti County Sheriff	3	0	0
Kanabec County Sheriff	1	0	0
McLeod County Sheriff	0	0	1
Mille Lacs County Sheriff	1	0	0
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	2	0	0
Minnesota Department of Public Safety – Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division	5	0	0
Pine County Sheriff	3	0	0
Ramsey County Sheriff	3	0	0
Sherburne County Sheriff	1	0	0
St. Cloud Police Department	1	0	0
St. Louis County Sheriff	1	0	0
St. Louis Park Police Department	1	0	0
Stearns County Sheriff	0	1	0
Willmar Police Department	1	0	0
Winona County Sheriff	1	0	0
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

# TYPE OF OTHER INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED

This section of the report identifies the number of civilians (adult and juvenile) who were on the property when the warrant was executed but were not identified in the warrant as a person being sought. The number of officers and police K-9s present during the warrant execution (either directly or peripherally involved) are provided here as well.

## No-Knock Warrants Executed Type of Other Individual Involved

Agency Name	Peace Officer	Police K-9	Civilian Adult	Civilian Juvenile
Alexandria Police Department	4	0	0	0
Bloomington Police Department	29	1	1	0
Brooklyn Park Police Department	266	0	16	17
Chisago County Sheriff	14	3	0	0
Hennepin County Sheriff	66	11	0	0
Isanti County Sheriff	9	0	0	0
Kanabec County Sheriff	4	0	0	0
McLeod County Sheriff	8	0	0	0
Mille Lacs County Sheriff	10	0	5	0
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	4	0	0	0
Minnesota Department of Public Safety – Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division	12	0	0	0
Pine County Sheriff	3	0	0	0
Ramsey County Sheriff	30	1	3	0
Sherburne County Sheriff	0	0	1	0
St. Cloud Police Department	31	2	1	0
St. Louis County Sheriff	2	0	0	0
St. Louis Park Police Department	61	0	7	0
Stearns County Sheriff	26	1	1	0
Willmar Police Department	17	1	2	2
Winona County Sheriff	0	0	1	0
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>19</b>



# OTHER INVOLVED INJURY INDICATED

This section contains the number of civilians (adult and juvenile), officers, and police K-9s who died, were injured, or were not injured during a warrant execution.

## Executed No-Knock Warrants Other Involved Injury Indicated

Agency Name	Other Involved – Not Injured	Other Involved – Injured	Other Involved – Fatality
Alexandria Police Department	4	0	0
Bloomington Police Department	31	0	0
Brooklyn Park Police Department	299	0	0
Chisago County Sheriff	17	0	0
Hennepin County Sheriff	77	0	0
Isanti County Sheriff	9	0	0
Kanabec County Sheriff	4	0	0
McLeod County Sheriff	8	0	0
Mille Lacs County Sheriff	15	0	0
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	4	0	0
Minnesota Department of Public Safety – Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division	12	0	0
Pine County Sheriff	3	0	0
Ramsey County Sheriff	34	0	0
Sherburne County Sheriff	1	0	0
St. Cloud Police Department	34	0	0
St. Louis County Sheriff	2	0	0
St. Louis Park Police Department	68	0	0
Stearns County Sheriff	28	0	0
Willmar Police Department	22	0	0
Winona County Sheriff	1	0	0
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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