



LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

Two Day Drug Round-up Yields Four Arrests in Lyon County

1. On Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 8:15am, Chief Deputy Sam Adams charged Jimmy R. Hawkins (48) of Kuttawa with a Felony Probation Violation out of Marshall Circuit Court as it pertained to new Methamphetamine related offenses he was previously investigated and charged with by the Lyon County Sheriff's Office. He remains lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.
2. On Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 3:19pm, Chief Deputy Adams, Deputy Joe Witherspoon and members of the Western Kentucky Violent Crimes Task Force conducted surveillance near Kuttawa. Following these efforts, Michael Reed (43) of Kuttawa was located and arrested on sealed indictment warrants from Lyon Circuit Court as it pertained to cases investigated by the Sheriff's Office in conjunction with this task force. Reed was charged with two (2) counts of Trafficking in a Controlled Substance-1st Degree, 2nd, or Greater Offense (Greater than 2 grams of Methamphetamine) by Complicity. In December 2021 and January of 2022, Reed sold in excess of 60 grams of Methamphetamine in Kuttawa on two occasions during an undercover investigation. The Methamphetamine was seized by sheriff's deputies and task force agents. Reed is lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.
3. On Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 3:45pm, Deputy Joe Witherspoon charged Michael Reed (43) of Kuttawa with Trafficking Marijuana (Less than 8oz) – 2nd or Subsequent Offense and Drug Paraphernalia. At the time of his arrest on the sealed indictment warrants and following surveillance, Reed was found to be in possession of multiple individual baggies of marijuana, digital scales, and other trafficking paraphernalia. Reed remains lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

4. On Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 9:30am, Chief Deputy Sam Adams also arrested and charged Jason S. Reed (18) of Kuttawa pursuant to this same drug investigation. Reed is the son of Michael Reed. Jason Reed was charged on sealed indictment warrants from Lyon Circuit Court as it pertained to these cases. His charges included two (2) counts of Trafficking in a Controlled Substance-1st Degree, 1st Offense (Greater than 2 grams of Methamphetamine). In December 2021 and January of 2022, Reed, by complicity with his father and others, sold in excess of 60 grams of Methamphetamine in Kuttawa on two occasions during an undercover investigation. The Methamphetamine was seized by sheriff's deputies and task force agents. Reed remains lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

5. At the time of his arrest, Michael Reed was out of custody and on bond for three separate trafficking in controlled substance cases stemming from different investigations in 2019, 2020, and 2021. On Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 10:30am, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office served three (3) Probation Violation warrants on Michael Reed for violating his bond conditions. He will be held in custody at the Crittenden County Detention Center with no bond, pending a revocation hearing in Lyon Circuit Court.

6. On Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 11:30am, Sheriff Brent White, Chief Deputy Sam Adams, and Deputy Dennis Beckett located and arrested Joseph M. Gillaspie (41) of Kuttawa. Gillaspie was charged on sealed indictment warrants from Lyon Circuit Court as it pertained to these cases. His charges included two (2) counts of Trafficking in a Controlled Substance-1st Degree, 1st Offense (Greater than 2 grams of Methamphetamine) by complicity. In December 2021 and January of 2022, Gillaspie, by complicity with others, sold in excess of 60 grams of Methamphetamine in Kuttawa on two occasions during an undercover investigation. The Methamphetamine was seized by sheriff's deputies and task force agents.

In addition, Gillaspie was found to be in possession of Methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia by Sheriff Brent White and Chief Deputy Sam Adams in an unrelated investigation on February 24, 2022. He was additionally charged with one count each of Possession of Controlled Substance-1st Degree, 1st Offense (Methamphetamine) and Drug Paraphernalia-Possession. Gillaspie was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

Note: In December of 2021, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office entered into an agreement with the US Department of Justice and was the first local law enforcement agency to sign as a local partner with the Western Kentucky Violent Crimes Task Force. This cooperative effort is being led by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives, Paducah Satellite Office in conjunction with the US Department of Homeland Security Investigations. Since its inception in 2021 and culminating to these arrests today, this task force has been directly responsible for twelve (12) individuals arrested as it pertains to the illegal trafficking of firearms and narcotics in Western Kentucky. These offenders have received criminal charges in either state and/or federal courts. The task force is appreciative of the cooperative relationship of the US Attorney's Office for the Western District of Kentucky-Paducah Division and the 56th Circuit Commonwealth Attorney-Mrs. Carrie Ovey-Wiggins. All offenders are presumed innocent until being found guilty in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Sheriff Brent White

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