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Date: December 26, 2019

Reference: Drug / Counterfeit Currency Investigation

KY 93 South at KY 730 West – Eddyville

At 3:19 pm on December 25, 2019, the Lyon County Sheriff was on patrol on KY 93 South when he observed a 2004 Mini-Cooper operating southbound on KY 93 with a registration violation at Port Authority Road. Upon attempting to stop the vehicle, the driver continued South on KY 93 before turning onto KY 730 West and eventually stopping.

The driver, Ronart Wedding (49), of Morganfield, KY was found to be operating his vehicle with a 'cancelled' KY registration plate and pick up order for his registration plate and receipt pursuant to his failure to maintain required liability insurance. In addition, the driver was found to not have a valid operator's license due to his expiring in August.

Further investigation revealed suspected Marijuana, Methamphetamine, and Legend Drugs (i.e. pills) in the vehicle, along with numerous items of drug paraphernalia. A counterfeit \$100.00 bill was also located in the vehicle.

During the investigation, it was learned Mr. Wedding had dropped off a female passenger at a residence in Eddyville just prior to the traffic stop. The Eddyville Police Department located this female and brought her to the Sheriff's Office to be interviewed regarding the items of contraband found in the vehicle. The female was identified as Beri L. Sheely (38) of Morganfield. She was subsequently arrested and found to possess additional counterfeit currency. The Lyon County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Eddyville Police Department.

The following two offenders were charged as follows:

- (1) Female Offender: Beri L. Sheely (38)**
Charges: *Possession of Marijuana (Misdemeanor)*
Possession of Methamphetamine (Felony)
Illegal Possession of a Legend Drug (Misdemeanor)
Drug Paraphernalia – Use/Possession (Misdemeanor)
Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument (currency)-1st Degree (Felony)

(*Sheely remains lodged in the Crittenden County Jail)

(2) Male Offender: Ronart Wedding (49)

**Charges: No (Cancelled) KY Registration Plate (Violation)
No (Cancelled) KY Registration Receipt (Violation)
Failure-Owner to Maintain Req. Insurance/Security – 1st Offense
(Misdemeanor)
Operating Vehicle with Expired Operator's License (Misdemeanor)
Possession of Marijuana (Misdemeanor)
Possession of Methamphetamine (Felony)
Illegal Possession of a Legend Drug (Misdemeanor)
Drug Paraphernalia – Use/Possession (Misdemeanor)
Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument (currency)-1st Degree (Felony)**

(*Wedding has been released from custody with a pending court date)

A digital photograph of the offenders is attached as a matter of reference.

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