

## Two arrested after METRICH Task Force seizes drugs from room at Tiffin Motel following traffic stop

Two people were arrested Sunday after a Tiffin Police Department traffic stop led to the METRICH Drug Task Force executing a search warrant and seizing drugs.

Agents from the METRICH Drug Task Force, along with officers from the Tiffin Police Department, executed a search warrant on a room at Tiffin Motel, 315 W. Market St., following a traffic stop.



The traffic stop led to an initial seizure of suspected heroin, methamphetamine, illicit prescription drugs, and marijuana from 39-year-old Chad M. Brooks, of Tiffin.

Upon further investigation, officers discovered the source of the drugs was coming from a room at the Tiffin Motel, occupied by 28-year-old Victoria L. Hunker, of Tiffin.

After obtaining a search warrant for the room, additional suspected heroin/fentanyl, drug paraphernalia, criminal tools, heroin, syringes, methamphetamine, prescription pills, and U.S. currency were seized from the room.

Brooks was arrested for outstanding warrants out of Seneca County, with additional charges of trafficking heroin/fentanyl, possession of heroin/fentanyl, possession of methamphetamine, possession of prescription drugs, and possession of marijuana are pending upon the conclusion of the investigation and the return of lab analysis results on the substances that were seized.

Hunker was arrested for a parole violation and transported to the Seneca County Jail, along with Brooks. Additional charges are pending on Hunker including trafficking heroin/fentanyl, possession of heroin/fentanyl, possession of methamphetamine, possession of prescription drugs, criminal tools, and possession of marijuana upon the conclusion of the investigation.

“It’s apparent that the criminal drug element is continuing to come into our communities and they are attempting to use our hotels to help conceal their illegal distribution of drugs. I would like to remind our owners of those establishments to be wary of the activity and when suspicious activity is observed to report it to their local police departments immediately,” Tiffin Police Chief Fred Stevens said in a statement.

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