

Fostoria man arrested on felony drug charge

A Fostoria man was arrested at his residence on a drug charge Tuesday as the Seneca County Drug Task Force METRICH Enforcement unit and other law-enforcement officers and agents executed a search warrant at 532 N. Poplar St., a news release from METRICH said.

Richard "Fred" Seaburn III, 51, was taken into custody on a second-degree felony charge of possession of methamphetamine in an amount greater than five-times bulk, the news release said. The release said additional charges anticipated from evidence found during the search include possession of criminal tools, trafficking in methamphetamine, trafficking in fentanyl and receiving stolen property, pending laboratory analysis results at the conclusion of the entire investigation.



Det. Brandon Bell of the Fostoria Police Division and METRICH said about two months of investigation went into Tuesday's operation, which was authorized by the warrant signed by Judge Jay A. Meyer of the Seneca County Common Pleas Court Juvenile Division. "The task force and the Fostoria Police Division were receiving a lot of drug intelligence on this specific residence, reporting drug activity for some time, as well as an influx of citizens' complaints," Fostoria Police Chief Keith Loreno said. "This operation was a good ending to addressing those complaints and shutting down the business."

Bell said the operation was executed smoothly, with Seaburn being arrested without incident. The news release said the special response teams of the Fostoria Police Division and Tiffin Police Department made entry into the house. Other officers and agents from the Fostoria Police Division and the Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation took part, according to the release.

"There were no hiccups," Bell said. "Everyone entered safely, which is the most important thing in this type of situation."

Evidence unveiled at the scene included U.S. currency, criminal tools, suspected methamphetamine, suspected fentanyl, prescription pills "and other items indicative of use and drug trafficking," the new release said.

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