

Ohio men arrested after cocaine, \$2,000 in cash seized in Marion search warrant

Two Ohio men have been arrested after authorities found cocaine, gun parts and more than \$2,000 in cash while executing a search warrant in Marion.

Marcus Pickens, 39, has been charged with possession of drugs and illegal manufacturing of drugs, according to the Marion Metro Drug Enforcement Unit. Randy Johnson, 19, was also arrested for a probation violation and could face charges later on.



Law enforcement attached to the drug enforcement were executing three search warrants in Marion on Thursday when they seized 32.7 grams of cocaine, a loaded gun, several high-capacity pistol magazines, more than \$2,000 and items associated with drug manufacturing.

Marion police said all three search warrants were the result of a months-long narcotics investigation conducted by the drug enforcement unit, with the warrant granted by Marion Municipal Court Judge Teresa Ballinger.

“This investigation removed a significant amount of drugs and a weapon off our street and Marion is safer because of it,” said Marion Police Chief Jay McDonald.

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