

Two city homes raided in drug trafficking probe

Two homes were raided early Thursday morning in Findlay, stemming from two ongoing drug trafficking investigations.

At approximately 5:10 a.m. Thursday, the Hancock County METRICH Drug Task Force, along with the Findlay Police Department Emergency Response Team (ERT), executed a search warrant at 227 Rector Ave.

The search of the residence yielded suspected crack cocaine, cocaine powder residue and a large amount of drug paraphernalia, according to a news release from METRICH.

Suspects include residents Tracey Dindal, 53, and Danielle Savage, 33. Charges for drug possession, paraphernalia possession, and criminal tools will be sought at a later date pending results from the BCI Crime Lab, where the seized substances will be sent, METRICH said.

Additional charges of drug trafficking are expected at the conclusion of this investigation.

Separately, at approximately 5:36 a.m., a search at 130½ Garfield Ave. yielded over 10 grams of suspected heroin/fentanyl mix, a small number of unknown pills and two handguns — one of which was reported as stolen through the Findlay Police Department. Numerous items of drug paraphernalia were seized, and METRICH notes everything present was indicative of drug trafficking.

Suspects in this case include Michael Hickle Jr., 35, and Atorya Hall, 28. Charges for drug possession, paraphernalia possession, receiving stolen property (handgun) and weapons under disability will be sought at a later date, METRICH said.

The Hancock County Justice Center refused admittance to Hickle on his felony weapons and drug possession charges. The Adult Parole Authority was notified and will seek other arrangements for his incarceration, according to METRICH.

The substances seized from the Garfield Avenue address will also be sent to the BCI Crime Lab for further testing.

Both incidents remain under investigation.

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