

## Drug search warrant executed

A Fostoria man who has faced prior drug charges looks to be on his way to doing so again.

Richard "Fred" Seaburn III, 52, was arrested Wednesday for allegedly violating his parole as the Seneca County Drug Task Force - METRICH Enforcement Unit and other officers executed a drug-related search warrant on his residence at 130 W. Lytle St., according to a METRICH news release.

Seaburn, who was free on parole from a 2016 drug-trafficking case and free on bond from a trafficking case stemming from a search of his home in June 2021, was transported to the Seneca County Jail in Tiffin. Additional charges anticipated from evidence during Wednesday's search include possession of criminal tools, trafficking in methamphetamine, trafficking in fentanyl and tampering with evidence, the news release said. The filing of charges is pending laboratory analysis at the conclusion of the entire drug investigation, the release said.

"The task force has continued to receive complaints of suspected drug trafficking by Mr. Seaburn, who evidently hasn't learned from his mistakes," Chief Gabe Wedge of the Fostoria Police Division, said. "Hopefully, this sends a clear message to these dealers that we will not stop pursuing them if they continue to see their drugs in our community."

METRICH officers were joined by additional officers the Fostoria Police Division, Tiffin Police Department and Seneca County Sheriff's Office in executing the warrant.

The Seneca County Regional Special Response Team entered Seaburn's residence on a warrant signed by Judge Jay A. Meyer of the Seneca County Common Pleas Court Juvenile Division. According to the news release, the search unveiled criminal tools, drug paraphernalia, suspected methamphetamine, suspected fentanyl, prescription pills and other items indicative of drug use and drug trafficking.

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