

## **Repeat offender busted again in Fostoria drug raid**

The Seneca County Drug Task Force – METRICH Enforcement Unit, in collaboration with officers from the Fostoria Police Division, executed a drug-related search warrant Wednesday at 345 W. Lytle St., Room #1 in Fostoria.

The warrant was for the residence of 53-year-old Richard “Fred” Seaburn III.

The search warrant, signed by Judge Jay A. Meyer of the Seneca County Common Pleas Court Juvenile Division, resulted in the discovery of criminal tools, drug paraphernalia, suspected methamphetamine, prescription pills, and other items indicative of drug trafficking, according to a press release from METRICH.

This is not the first time Seaburn has been the subject of a drug-related search warrant. He is currently out on bond from two previous drug trafficking investigations stemming from search warrants conducted on two separate residences on June 8, 2021, and July 21, 2022, in the City of Fostoria.

During the operation, Seaburn was arrested and taken to the Seneca County Jail on charges of possession of a schedule II controlled substance and possession of criminal tools, which are pending laboratory analysis results at the conclusion of the entire drug investigation.

“Mr. Seaburn is a perfect example of why we need stiffer penalties for habitual offenders,” said Chief Gabe Wedge of the Fostoria Police Division.

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