

Two Marion men out on bond arrested in drug bust

Two Marion men, both of whom were out on bond in felony cases, were arrested after a drug bust Monday at a Wilson Avenue house that uncovered dozens of grams of potent opiates.

Tylor N. Gruber, 23, Marion; and Andre D. Mincey, 36, Marion, were arrested on drug-related charges after officers with the MARMET Drug Task Force raided a house at about 7 a.m. Monday in the 600 block of Wilson Avenue, according to a press release.



A search warrant was issued for the house after a weeks-long investigation by drug task force agents into heroin and fentanyl trafficking from the residence, the release says. Agents who conducted the search found 98 grams of suspected heroin or fentanyl, prescription pills, two handguns, a rifle and \$15,000 in cash, according to the release.

Gruber, who had been out on bond in a felony drug trafficking case, was charged Tuesday with an additional count of possession of drugs, a minor misdemeanor, in Marion Municipal Court, according to online court records.

Gruber had been arrested in August after drug task force agents pulled his car over off U.S. 23 and found 275 grams of suspected heroin hidden in his car during the stop.

In that case, he was charged with aggravated trafficking in drugs, a second-degree felony; aggravated possession of drugs, a second-degree felony; designing a vehicle with a hidden compartment used to transport a controlled substance, a fourth-degree felony, and possessing criminal tools, a fifth-degree felony, in Marion County Common Pleas Court.

Gruber's bond was lowered in September from \$100,000 to \$25,000 and he bailed out of jail later that month, according to the online court docket.

Mincey, who had been out on bond in a pending case involving a felony charge of having a weapon while under disability, was charged Tuesday with multiple felony counts, including first-degree possession of heroin and first-degree trafficking of heroin in Marion Municipal Court, according to online court records.

He also was charged with three more felony counts of having a weapon while under disability, according to online court records.

Both cases were forwarded to the Marion County Prosecutor's Office for future indictment, according to the release.

Marion Police Chief Bill Collins said in the release that he is seeking federal charges against Gruber and Mincey "in the hopes of getting them out of our community for a significant stint in prison."

Both Gruber and Mincey are being held in the Multi-County Correctional Center.

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