

Drugs, weapons, cash, seized in raids

(KAIR)--Two separate search warrants executed at separate Atchison residences leads to the seizure of drugs, thousands of dollars in cash, weapons, and a stolen trailer.

Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie told MSC News the first search happened around 4:30 Wednesday afternoon, at 313 North 4th Street, where 32-year-old Trenton Kistler was arrested. "We've been looking into Mr. Kistler since about May 20. His name had come up in our methamphetamine investigations and we were able to track him down, to that location. We were able to obtain a search warrant for that property. Fortunately, when we got there, he was actually standing at the door, encountered him before we had to make entry into the residence."

Laurie said both methamphetamine and \$300 in cash was seized from Kistler, who was taken into custody without incident.

He faces charges of possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school, no drug tax stamp, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kistler also faces similar charges in relation to an Atchison Police Department investigation, and Police Chief Mike Wilson told MSC News Kistler was also arrested on a warrant related to those crimes. "It was at 7 p.m. June 5 we had an officer conduct a traffic stop in the 900 block of Commercial when a passenger in the vehicle ran from the vehicle. Our subsequent investigation in that case led to the recovery of a considerable amount of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, and Kistler was identified as being the person who fled on foot."

Following his arrest, Kistler was booked into the Atchison County Jail, with bond set at \$20,000.

The second search warrant was issued around 1:00 Thursday morning, with the Sheriff's Office setting its sights on 1022 North 8th Street, where 37-year-old Jason Valles was arrested.

Laurie told MSC News the Atchison Police Department provided assistance at the scene. "We utilized the Police Department's Special Response Team again, and they were able to make entry for us and secure the residence. Did a fantastic job like they always do. We had some information that there were some weapons in that house, and that's why we utilized their team for that, for our safety and theirs. We seized three firearms, three handguns out of that residence, along with

approximately six ounces of methamphetamine and over \$6,000 in cash.”

Also located at the residence was a utility trailer that had been stolen from Jefferson County, which Laurie said was spotted just prior to leaving the location. “We saw that trailer sitting there, and one of the Deputies ran the VIN number on it, and it came back stolen out of Jefferson County.”

Valles was taken into custody without incident, and now faces charges of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, no drug tax stamp, possession of marijuana, possession with intent to distribute a prescription drug, criminal use of weapons, and possession with the intent to distribute drug paraphernalia.

Following his arrest, Valles was booked into the Atchison County Jail.

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