

Salem man arrested on felony drug charges

**(KLZA)-- A Salem man facing a pair of felony drug charges has been charged as a habitual criminal.**

**According to a release from the Richardson County Sheriff's Office, following a December 14, 2020 incident in Salem, and a subsequent investigation, an arrest warrant was issued for 46-year-old Michael Tinsley. During the investigation just over a quarter of a pound, or 131 grams of methamphetamine was located.**

**Tinsley was arrested January 4 in Lincoln with the assistance of the U.S. Marshal's Service and the Fugitive Task Force.**

**He was arrested for possession of 28 to 139 grams of methamphetamine with intent to distribute and possession of a controlled substance with no drug tax stamp.**

**The Richardson County Attorney's Office filed habitual criminal enhancements on each felony count. The habitual criminal enhancement carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison.**

**According to the Nebraska Department of Corrections website, Tinsley has been sentenced to prison in Nebraska five times previously, including on a Richardson County charge in 2014.**

**The investigation is ongoing. The Sheriff's Office thanked the U.S. Marshals Service, the Fugitive Task Force, the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office and the Otoe County Sheriff's Office for their assistance.**

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