Two-county drug probe leads to arrests Wednesday

(KAIR)--Four search warrants were executed at four residences Wednesday, with two in Atchison County and two in Doniphan County, leading to the discovery of evidence and to arrests.

Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie tells MSC News the investigation, focused on illegal drug activity, has been underway for nearly a year.

Seized Wednesday morning were alleged drugs, including that believed to be fentanyl and cocaine, along with weapons and cash.

Taken into custody in Doniphan County was 63-year-old Raymond Albright, whose residence, just north of the Atchison County line, was searched. Another Doniphan County residence, located in Denton, was also searched, with an arrest forthcoming.

In Atchison County, investigators placed their sights on two city of Atchison residences, one at 810 North 10th Street and the other at 510 North 9th Street, with two arrests-31-year-old Sarah Schmidt and 32-year-old Andre Harris-made at the 10th Street home. One arrest, that of 32-year-old Andre Watson, was made following the execution of the search warrant at the 9th street address.

All face charges related to drug possession and distribution, along with other charges.

As of late Wednesday afternoon, processing the outcome of the investigation was continuing, with further details expected to be released Thursday.

According to Laurie, the Doniphan County Sheriff's Office, Leavenworth County Tactical Teams, and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation were among the agencies who assisted Wednesday's efforts.

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