

Alleged prostitutes apprehended in Austin by officers

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Recordings of conversations between a man and two alleged prostitutes helped officers investigating reported illegal activity charge two suspects.

Major/Detective Lonnie Noble stated in probable cause affidavits filed in the cases against Melissa N. Sword, 23, and Lisa L. Hensley, 38, that each woman agreed to perform certain sexual acts in exchange for money on September 15. Hensley reportedly entered the man's vehicle to talk about the agreement. She had allegedly been walking on Rural Street. Sword reportedly had been walking on Church Street when approached.

Both women were taken into custody and transported to the Scott County Security Center in Scottsburg.

At their initial court appearance on Thursday, September 17, in Scott Superior Court, not guilty pleas were entered for each on counts of prostitution, both Class A misdemeanors. Bail was set at \$10,000 corporate surety or 10% cash.

Though Sword remains incarcerated, Hensley was released to a relative so that she might seek treatment at Turning Point. The relative was to transport her to the program site to seek admittance. If she was not accepted for the program, she was to be returned to the Scottsburg jail with her original bond to be reinstated.

That apparently did not happen. An arrest warrant has now been issued for Hensley, and the State also filed a motion to revoke her bond. That motion is scheduled for a court hearing on September 29.