

?Nine suspects arrested at mobile home on Scottsburg's east side

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? A total of nine suspects were placed under arrest by Indiana State Police in connection with a probation check last Thursday afternoon, July 17.

A local probation officer accompanied by ISP troopers went to the home on East McClain Avenue to perform a probation check on the occupant, Michelle R. Brewer, 38.

In the search of Brewer's residence, methamphetamine was discovered under a bed and in a bathroom, the probable cause affidavit prepared by Master Trooper Barry Brown indicated. Under three grams of the illegal substance was seized.

Additionally, M/Trp. Brown stated paraphernalia was found as well as a quantity of pills, all of which officers said were controlled substances. Brewer was placed under arrest and transported to the Scott County Security Center.

Then, things got rather interesting for the officers.

The probation visit to Brewer was based on a recent tip provided to law enforcement officials that over 30 cars had been seen to stop and visit at Brewer's residence for brief periods of time.

Consequently, as officers continued to search and inventory the contents of the residence, more people, some of whom were on probation for other offenses, stopped by. The troopers ended up with eight more arrests.

Aside from Brewer, arrested on July 17 were: Tanja Riley, 40, Scottsburg; Jimmy J. Aynes, 29, Scottsburg; Raymond J. Nasby, 35, Scottsburg; Christine N. Dean, 22, Scottsburg; Patrick A. Hirstein, 34, Austin; Bennito L. Rodriguez, 29, Scottsburg; James P. Coleman, 48, Scottsburg; and Brooklyn G. Mack, 22, Scottsburg.

Nasby, Dean, Hirstein, Rodriguez, Coleman and Mack were all charged with one count of visiting a common nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor.

All of their initial court hearings were conducted in Scott Superior Court on Monday, July 21. Guilty pleas were entered for all of them, and each, except Rodriguez, received a trial date of October 14. Rodriguez's date is October 16.

Of this group, only Mack and Hirstein remained in jail after their hearings; the others had filed cash bonds of \$250 on Friday, July 18, and had been released that date awaiting their initial hearings. Both Mack and Hirstein are receiving the assistance of public defenders.

In Scott Circuit Court, Brewer was charged with possession of methamphetamine as were Aynes and Riley. Aynes was also charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance, both D felonies and the Class B misdemeanor of visiting a common nuisance.

Both Brewer and Riley were charged with three counts of possession of a controlled substance. Brewer also faces a charge of maintaining a nuisance, a Class D felony and possession of paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor.

Riley's other charges included possession of paraphernalia and visiting a common nuisance.

All of the suspects' initial court hearings before Judge Roger Duvall occurred July 21. Not guilty pleas were entered for each of the defendants, and each was assigned a jury trial date of November 24.

In each of their cases, Judge Duvall granted a State's Petition for Detention and/or Greater Than Standard Bond. Bail for each was set at \$50,000 by corporate surety or cash, and each was ordered held without bail for 15 days.