

Inmate of local halfway house charged with trying to burglarize manager's home

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A Louisville, Ky., man has been jailed at the Scott County Security Center after being charged with attempted burglary and several misdemeanors on August 8.

Andrew D. Lotspeich, 27, had been living at a halfway house for criminal offenders on North Second Street in Scottsburg. On August 6, Scottsburg Patrolmen Travis Burr and Shawn Hurt took him into custody after Lotspeich allegedly attempted to break into a South Third Street home. The house is the residence of the manager of the halfway house, it was learned.

According to the probable cause affidavit, Lotspeich was seen by neighbors "...messing with the screen..." on a rear window of the home. When Lotspeich saw witnesses watching him, he walked away from the residence. One of the home's windows was found to have been pushed in and the frame broken.

Lotspeich was placed under arrest by the officers. When he was searched, Ptl. Hurt said he found a pipe filled with burned leafy material later found to be marijuana and a homemade pipe made from a pen and glass tip.

Charges against him include Class B felony attempted burglary and three Class A misdemeanors, possession of marijuana, criminal mischief and possession of paraphernalia.

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During his initial court hearing on August 8 before Judge Roger Duvall, Lotspeich admitted to having made "...a big mistake..." and requested that he be allowed out on home detention after learning he would be required to pay at least \$7,500 for a cash bond. He said he was fearful of losing a part-time job he had just started.

Lotspeich was still incarcerated at the Scott County Security Center on Monday, August 13, in lieu of the cash bond or a \$75,000 corporate surety bond.

His jury trial date has been scheduled for November 26.