

Trio charged with possessing methamphetamine, syringes at Vienna home

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A man and two women were charged June 3 in Scott Circuit Court with possession of the illegal homemade drug methamphetamine and illegal possession of a syringe.

Steve Wollmann, an investigator for the Scott County Prosecutor's Office, went to the address on Vienna Hill Road on May 30 with Indiana State Troopers Nathan Teusch and Matt Busick to assist the officers as they served an arrest warrant on Dustin Rider.

Rider, 28, had failed to appear on May 28 in Scott Superior Court on a charge of driving a vehicle with a suspended driver license and a prior conviction within the past ten years, a criminal misdemeanor. The warrant was issued due to his inaction.

When the officers arrived at the home of Rider's relative, the relative motioned them to go to a bedroom. Rider was lying on the bed, and another woman, identified as Melissa Smith, 41, Scottsburg, was standing, her purse on the bed.

Rider was taken into custody and handcuffs placed on him. As he was being searched prior to transportation to the Scott County Security Center, Rider was allegedly found to have a small amount of methamphetamine and a syringe in a pocket.

As Rider was being dealt with, Trp. Busick stated in the probable cause affidavit that he looked down at Smith's purse and saw another small plastic bag in it. It too contained methamphetamine. Under her wallet was another syringe. She later told the officers that Rider had given her the methamphetamine.

Another woman, Alisha Dannheiser, 30, also Scottsburg, was present outside the residence. Rider made a statement that he got the methamphetamine from a friend of hers, so Trps. Teusch and Busick walked over to talk to her.

As they did so, they said they saw "...a hypodermic needle (filled) with a cloudy liquid..." hanging outside of the woman's bra. Dannheiser said the liquid was methamphetamine and that she had gotten it from Rider.

She also allegedly told the officers that she had another syringe in a makeup bag in the home's garage. Wollmann said he located that needle.

All are now charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Class B felony, and possession of a syringe, a Class D felony.

Each had an initial hearing in Scott Circuit Court on Monday, June 3, before Judge Roger Duvall. Not guilty pleas were entered for the trio, and each was assigned a preliminary trial date of November 12 on the court's calendar.

Bond for each was set at \$75,000 corporate surety or full cash, but Judge Duvall allowed that each defendant could post 10% of that amount on bond and be released to await trial. As of Wednesday, June 5, none had.