

## Report of car in city park leads to arrest of trio for alleged drug possession

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Scottsburg police received a tip about a suspicious vehicle in an eastside park recently, which led to criminal charges being filed against three individuals.

Late in the morning on September 20, Chief Scott Zellers and Major Richey Barton were advised of a green car in the park, which had been described as suspicious.

The officers pulled in behind a 1998 green Buick, recognizing one of the occupants as Russell Ray Rider, 48, of Scottsburg. Rider was allegedly seen by the officers pushing something down in the middle of the back seat, where he was sitting.

He was removed from the car by Chief Zellers and Maj. Barton. When Rider was patted down,

Maj. Barton said he found a container that held two used and uncapped hypodermic needles in the suspect's pocket.

Sgts. Joe Nicholson and Rodney Watts arrived to assist in removing two women from the car. They were identified as Lora M. Johnson, 39, Little York, and Ashley M. McIntosh, 23, Scottsburg. Johnson was in the driver's seat while McIntosh was in the front passenger seat.

In a search of the vehicle, additional syringes were found. A soft drink can was located in which a drug had apparently been "cooked." A tin in the front seat contained half of an Oxycotin pill.

All three were charged on September 23 in Scott Superior Court with two Class D felonies, possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a syringe, and a Class B misdemeanor, visiting a common nuisance.

Each of the defendants had a preliminary plea of not guilty filed for them. A jury trial date of January 6 was scheduled for each, and their bails were each set at \$15,000 corporate surety

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bond/10% cash.

Each was assigned the services of a public defender.