

Companion of woman arrested for active meth lab in truck now in custody

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The man who was in the vehicle of an Austin woman charged in October with Class B felony dealing in methamphetamine is now an inmate of the Scott County Security Center.

Johnny Terrell, 36, had been with Robin Bellamy on October 24 when Bellamy's Ford Ranger was stopped by an Indiana State Police trooper in Austin. The result of that stop was Bellamy's detainment on the dealing charge as well as possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance, maintaining a common nuisance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The alleged meth lab in the back of the Ranger was contained in a bag. The material was retained as evidence.

At the time of the incident, Terrell told the officer he was just getting a ride from Bellamy. The bag belonged to someone else, Terrell told Trooper Matt Busick. Trp. Busick subsequently learned that Terrell was on parole for unrelated criminal charges with both the Indiana Department of Corrections and Scott County Probation Department.

His new charges include dealing methamphetamine and possession of the drug, both Class B felonies. In Terrell's initial court hearing on November 7 in Scott Circuit Court, a preliminary not guilty plea was entered.

Terrell was provided with the services of a public defender, and Judge Roger Duvall assigned a March 11 jury trial date to the case.

Terrell's bond for these new charges was set at \$75,000 corporte surety bond/full cash.