

## Crothersville man sought for several meth precursor purchases in county

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A Crothersville man charged with buying methamphetamine precursors has been sought by area law enforcement agencies for several weeks.

Tony Combs, 41, Jackson Street, came to the attention of the Indiana State Police, Sellersburg post, after the state's tracking system indicated that Combs had made several purchases of pseudoephedrine, a common ingredient in making methamphetamine, a highly potent illegal substance.

Combs was convicted of dealing in methamphetamine in Scott County in 2009. His status as a convicted meth dealer caused his purchases to be red-flagged within the tracking system.

According to the probable cause affidavit, Combs has bought pseudoephedrine seven times since May, 2012. His purchases ranged from 1.2 grams to 2.88 grams in pharmacies in Austin and Scottsburg.

Surveillance video at the Wal-Mart in Scottsburg confirmed Combs' identity during one purchase in January, court documents stated. Persons who buy pseudoephedrine are required to provide identification and sign for the purchase.

Charges outstanding against Combs include three Class D felonies of possession of a precursor by a methamphetamine offender.

A warrant was issued for his arrest on February 26.