

Siblings arrested for alleged offenses involving illegal drug methamphetamine

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A brother and a sister arrested with methamphetamine in their possession on have had their initial hearings in respective county courts.

Angela Lee, also known as Angela Nasby, 35, and Robert E. Lee, 38, both of Bellevue Drive in Scottsburg, were taken into custody early in the morning on Thursday, July 10.

Reportedly, officers discovered over \$9,000 in currency and over a pound of methamphetamine during the arrests.

The probable cause affidavit filed with the Lees' criminal cases related that Detective Barry Brown with the Indiana State Police was notified by U.S. Postal Service officials that a package addressed to Angela Nasby at an address on State Road 56 East, Lexington, had been intercepted on July 8 at the USPS office in Louisville, Ky.

The package, which weighed approximately one pound, contained crystal methamphetamine, the officer was told. It had been mailed to the woman by a resident of Compton, Ca.

A "controlled delivery" of the package occurred on July 9 at the S.R. 56 address. ISP detectives, federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) agents and officers from the Salem City Police Department and Harrison County Sheriff's Department took Angela Lee into custody soon after she had received the package and opened it.

The woman reportedly agreed to speak to Det. Brown without an attorney. She allegedly admitted having received ten to 20 parcels, all containing one to two pounds of crystal methamphetamine, from the individual in California since December, 2013. She reportedly said she paid \$14,000 per pound, turning around and selling the meth in quantities ranging from an "eight-ball," 3.5 grams, to a half an ounce.

Lee told the detective that she had more methamphetamine plus several thousands of dollars in proceeds from the sales at her mother's residence on Bellevue Avenue in Scottsburg. The

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woman said she lived upstairs there but did not pay rent or any bills. She said she spent the proceeds of her profits on "...shoes, clothes and friends."

Lee purportedly gave Det. Brown verbal permission to search her bedroom at the Scottsburg residence.

Det. Brown and other law enforcement officers met at the Bellevue home just before 1:30 a.m. on July 10. There, they found the woman's brother, Robert E. Lee, and another man, both of whom came out of the house.

Robert Lee, according to Det. Brown "...appeared to be high on a narcotic drug and was not listening nor cooperating with officers..." the probable cause affidavit related. He was eventually placed in handcuffs by an FTA agent. He was then searched and found to be in possession of a baggie of crystal methamphetamine.

The authorized search that followed resulted in officers recovering 45 grams of crystal methamphetamine and \$9,037.

All was seized as evidence.

Both of the Lees were placed into custody on a preliminary charge of possession of a controlled substance and transported to the Scott County Security Center.

Angela Lee appeared in Scott Circuit Court before Judge Roger Duvall on July 15 for her initial hearing. Her charges are two counts of Level 2 felony dealing in meth.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Amanda Herald also filed an Habitual Offender status against Lee. The woman has accumulated at least two prior, unrelated felony convictions. Those include a conviction for maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D felony under Indiana's former criminal classification system, and a conviction for carrying a handgun with a license, a

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Class C felony. Both were entered in Jefferson Circuit Court, Madison.

Additionally, in 2006, Lee pleaded guilty to a Class C felony of possession of a controlled substance in Scott Circuit Court. In 2008, a conviction for possession of methamphetamine occurred locally in 2008. In 2012, Lee pleaded guilty to fleeing law enforcement and battery to a law enforcement officer, both Class D felonies, in Scott Superior Court.

The woman has employed an attorney and appeared with him to enter a preliminary plea of not guilty. Bail was originally set at \$75,000 by corporate surety bond or \$15,000 cash, but Judge Duvall allowed bail to be lowered to \$50,000 corporate surety or \$15,000 cash. Her initial trial date is November 18.

Angela Lee was released on a corporate surety bond on July 15.

Robert Lee was in Scott Superior Court that same day, pleading not guilty to one charge of possession of meth, a Level 5 felony. His trial on this charge was scheduled for October 14 by Judge Marsha Owens Howser.

The Prosecutor's Office filed a Notice to Seek Habitual Offender Status against him as well. Cited were one count of forgery, a Class C felony, in March, 2008; a count of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, a Class D felony, in July, 2002; and one count of possession of methamphetamine, as a D felony, in March, 2007.

Bond against Robert Lee was set at \$45,000 corporate surety bond or \$4,500 cash. He was released July 16 after a cash bond was filed for him.