

Drug dealer sentenced to 16 years in Level 2 felony case involving methamphetamine

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Caught in December, 2014, with over ten grams of methamphetamine, Jackson Lee McGinnis, 37, now has a new home with the Indiana Department of Corrections.

McGinnis was sentenced in Scott Circuit Court to 16 years for a Level 2 felony charge of dealing methamphetamine, a highly addictive homemade drug. In a plea agreement, McGinnis entered a formal guilty plea to the dealing charge on January 4, getting a sentence of 16 years, the last six of which may be served on supervised probation. He must successfully serve at least 75% of those ten years and, if the terms of probation are not complied with, those six years will be revoked and also be served by him, advised Scott County Prosecutor Jason Mount.

Another drug-related case against McGinnis was dismissed in accordance with the plea agreement. "Due to the overlap of these two investigations, it would not have been possible to seek consecutive sentences on these two cases," advised the prosecutor.

McGinnis was stopped by Indiana State Police (ISP) investigators on December 18, 2014. He had in his possession 13 grams of the illegal crystal substance. Additionally, undercover agents for the ISP had purchased over 14 grams of meth from McGinnis earlier that month. McGinnis had been among over 30 persons being investigated by the ISP from June, 2014, to January, 2015.

After being charged with the crime in 2014, McGinnis posted a \$10,000 cash bond and was released. When a plea agreement was worked out for McGinnis nearly two years later, he was ordered to report to the Scott County Probation Department so that a pre-sentencing report could be compiled. He was also informed that his sentencing on the charge would take place on November 30.

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McGinnis never reported to the Probation Department and did not appear on November 30. His bond was revoked and an arrest warrant was issued.

By December 7, he had been located and re-arrested, and sentencing was reset for January 4.

In addition to prison time, McGinnis' bond shall be used to pay \$1,578 in delinquent child support, a \$1,000 drug interdiction fee, court costs and a \$400 drug and alcohol program fee.

"I thank the Indiana State Police for their efforts in this matter, and I am glad we could reach a just conclusion to this case without the necessity of trial, despite the fact that many drug penalties have recently been reduced by Indiana legislators. Dealing in over ten grams of methamphetamine is the most serious, highest level drug offense in Indiana," stated Prosecutor Mount.