

?Four adults arrested at site of meth lab discovered on south side of Scottsburg

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? Four adults were arrested and five children removed from a mobile home on the south side of Scottsburg where an alleged methamphetamine lab was located by the Indiana State Police.

Several ISP officers served a search warrant on the trailer at Lot 35 on Curtsinger Road on December 23, finding the children ranging in ages from three to ten and the four adults. Those arrested included Billy L. Holt, 28; Melissa D. Organ, 29; Ollie Delisa Holt, 27; and April Lane, 52. All were listed as residents of the mobile home; Lane is the mother of Billy Holt and Ollie Holt while Organ was described as the girlfriend of Billy Holt.

In his probable cause affidavit filed with the Scott County Prosecutor's Office, Trooper Mark LaMaster stated that he was joined by officers with the ISP's Clandestine Methamphetamine Team in serving the warrant. They were met at the door by Ollie Holt, whom Trp. LaMaster said began screaming. Lane soon joined the officers and Ollie Holt, and it was learned that the mobile home belonged to Lane.

Melissa Organ and Billy Holt were found in what was described as the trailer's master bedroom. That's where Sgt. Gary Jessee allegedly found a working meth lab. All were cleared out of the trailer for safety's sake, and the Department of Child Services were contacted to aid the children.

Organ purportedly told officers that the meth lab belonged to Billy Holt and that he had brought the materials there a few days prior. The Meth Team processed the items located in the bedroom. Several baggies of powdered meth were reported found by officers tucked between the bed mattresses as well as \$414 in cash and two pills later identified as Alprazolam, a controlled substance.

The Meth Team also listed several items of drug paraphernalia, two more packages of meth and two active HCL "generators," which when chemical reactions are completed form the illegal substance. A black trash bag on the trailer's front porch also contained items of drug paraphernalia and receipts officers said were from purchases of pseudoephedrine, one of the ingredients needed to make meth.

Ollie Holt's purse contained a pen which had white powder residue in it that proved to be meth.

Trp. LaMaster noted that members of the Meth Team stated that the illegal lab was in the process of producing more than three grams of meth.

Lane was charged with maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D felony. The charge was filed on Monday, December 29, in Scott Superior Court. She entered a not guilty plea at her initial hearing on the same date and was released on a previously posted bond. Lane's jury trial is scheduled March 12.

Her son and daughter and Organ face more serious charges in Scott Circuit Court.

Billy Holt, Ollie Delisa Holt and Organ were charged with one count of attempted dealing in meth, a Class A felony; two counts of dealing in meth, Class B felonies; a count of neglect of a dependent, a Class C felony; and maintaining a common nuisance, a D felony. Organ and Billy Holt was also charged with possession of a Schedule 1, 2 or 3 controlled substance.

Not guilty pleas were entered for the trio. Prosecutor Jason Mount filed a petitioner for detainer and/or greater than standard bond against Billy Holt, which Judge Roger Duvall granted. Holt was to be held for 15 days without bond. Bond was set at a greater amount, \$100,000 cash thereafter. Billy Holt's trial date is scheduled May 4.

A search of court records indicated that Billy Holt had been arrested on similar charges last June. Charges in that 2008 case included felony possession of meth over three grams, possession of precursors and maintaining a common nuisance. He is scheduled to go to trial on

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those charges on February 2 in Scott Circuit Court.

Organ's trial date is May 11. Her case was appointed to a public defender. Her bail is also \$100,000 cash or corporate surety.

The trial for Ollie Delisa Holt was set by Judge Duvall for May 18, and bail was set at \$100,000. Since she and her brother indicated they would hire attorneys to represent them, a review hearing before the Judge on that matter was scheduled for Monday, January 5.