

Bank Street marijuana business in Austin busted; woman charged with dealing

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Two people were taken into custody on July 14 at a home at 116 Bank Street in Austin in connection with alleged marijuana sales.

Tina M. White, 45, and Enick White, 37, have both been charged with maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony offense. Tina White is also charged with dealing in marijuana, also a Level 6 felony. Enick White also got another charge, that of escape, a Level 6 felony.

Sgt. Jerry Goodin and Sgt. Tracy Spencer of the Indiana State Police, Sellersburg post, and Austin Police Chief Robert Gudgel met on June 3 about complaints fielded recently that the Whites were selling drugs at the Bank Street address.

Enick White was on probation from an earlier criminal case, but his probation officers could not locate him. When he was found at a residence on Paulanna Avenue, the state troopers and Chief Gudgel went to talk to him, and White was returned to the Bank Street home.

Tina White met Sgt. Goodin at the front door. She allowed the officers inside, and while the Community Corrections officers were talking to Enick White, Tina White agreed to talk to Sgt. Goodin outside.

According to the probable cause affidavit Sgt. Goodin prepared, Tina White allegedly confirmed that the rumors were true. She went to the house's basement and brought a plastic tote upstairs, handing it to Sgt. Goodin. Marijuana, money, a marijuana grinder and a set of digital scales were in the tote.

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Sgt. Goodin gave Tina White a Miranda warning, and the woman supposedly said the items belonged to her. The ISP officer stated that Tina White said she had gotten behind on some bills and she was selling marijuana to "...catch up." She also allegedly explained she was selling both "weaker" and "strong" marijuana.

At their initial hearings in Scott Superior Court, preliminary not guilty pleas were entered for the pair, and each received an initial trial date of October 6.

Bail for each was set at \$15,000 by corporate surety bond or \$1,500 cash. Each is being represented by a public defender.

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