

?Total of 12 charged over alleged underage drinking party on January 23

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? The count of people charged in connection with a recent alleged underage drinking party on Reeves Road near Lexington increased to 12 as of Monday, February 2.

A tip was received by law enforcement authorities on Friday night, January 23, that a party for older teens was being held at the residence of Kellie J. Robbins, 38, just north of Kinderhook Road in Lexington Township.

Reserve Deputy Mike Tscheulin drove by the residence and reported to Deputy Joe Guarneri that there were several vehicles parked at the home. Deputy Don Campbell then joined Deputy Guarneri, Reserve Deputy Tscheulin, Deputy Joe Johnson and Probation Officer Scott Pool on a check of the house.

Robbins was found there as were several people, all ages 18 to 20. One 16-year-old was also taken into custody and released to his mother.

Those charged on January 26 with illegal possession/consumption/transportation of alcohol in Scott Superior Court included: Brittany L. Engle, 18, Austin; Lakyn Boyd, 19, Austin; Lee David Arbuckle, 18, Underwood; William Cheatam, 20, Deridder, La.; and Phillip A. Bowling, 18, Scottsburg. All of those charges are Class C misdemeanors. Robbins was charged with ten counts of furnishing alcohol to a minor, all Class C misdemeanors.

Two other individuals who were found at the "party," Nathan L. Davis, 21, Scottsburg, and Richard C. Howard, 18, Scottsburg, were charged in Scott Superior Court with disorderly conduct on January 26. Those are Class B misdemeanors.

On Monday, February 2, four more young people were charged with illegal possession/consumption/transportation of alcohol by a minor. They include Justin W. Cole-Fox, 19, Austin; Robert S. Vetter, 19, Scottsburg; Jasmine R. Howard, 20, Scottsburg; and Haley D. Pedigo, 20, Madison. Vetter is the son of Kellie Robbins and was listed as a resident at the Reeve Road address.

All of those charged have entered not guilty pleas and were released after posting bails. Trial dates were assigned by Judge Nicholas South.

In portable alcohol breath testing done at the site, subjects' results ranged from .013 to .06 percent, the case report indicated. Containers of alcohol were found throughout the home, and several of those arrested were taken into custody as they tried to hide in various rooms of the residence.

As he was arresting Robbins, Deputy Campbell stated that he tried to explain to the woman that she could not furnish alcohol to a person under age 21. He said that Robbins had apparently thought she could allow underage drinking because, as she related to the officer, all of the party-goers were "...staying there and not going anywhere."

Reserve Deputy Donnie Monroe and Indiana State Police Shannon Burton and Matt Marshall assisted at the site. A van was used by the Sheriff's Department to transport all suspects to the Scott County Security Center in Scottsburg.