

Media Release



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“Spare” Marijuana / Heroin “Afoot” in Separate Traffic Stops

On March 3, 2014, at approximately 7:15 AM,



YCSO K9 deputies stopped a white Chevy Silverado truck for equipment violations on I40 east in Yavapai County. When the deputy approached the passenger side of the truck, he could smell the odor of marijuana inside the vehicle. The driver was identified as Johnathon Ford, age 26, with a passenger, Kelcey Ford, age 29. Both are from Oklahoma and each could not answer basic questions regarding their travel plans without contradiction. Although the deputy had legal cause to search for the source of the marijuana odor in the vehicle,



he also received the ok from Johnathon to check. Inside the glove box the deputy found a digital scale covered with marijuana residue.



When checking exterior portions of the truck, a K9 deputy examined the spare tire and saw fresh fingerprints on a portion of the tire in area otherwise covered with road grime. Further inspection of the tire revealed 7 packages of marijuana hidden inside with a total weight of nearly 9 pounds.

Both Fords were arrested and booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center on charges including Possession/Transportation of Marijuana for Sale. They remain in-custody, each on a \$50,000 bond.

Top – Kelcey Ford
Above - Johnathon Ford

On March 4, 2014, at approximately 10AM



YCSO K9 deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2013 Chevy Impala east I40 in Yavapai County for speeding and lane drifting. The driver was Tifani Burns age 31, and her passenger, Randolph Jackson, age 51. Both are from Oklahoma. Burns provided her Oklahoma driver's license, and Jackson gave the deputy a rental agreement for the vehicle. The pair indicated they were travelling from Vegas back to Oklahoma. Within moments of the traffic stop, YCSO dispatchers advised the deputy that the Chevy had been reported stolen from a town in Oklahoma. Jackson and Burns were immediately detained. During a search of the stolen vehicle, deputies found a receipt indicating the pair had actually been in California, contradicting prior statements.

While the investigation was ongoing, Jackson became belligerent and tried to escape. He was restrained and during a follow-up search of Jackson, deputies found nearly a 1/2 pound package of heroin inside each shoe. Jackson refused to discuss any connection with the heroin.

Jackson was arrested for Unlawful use of Means of Transportation, Possession of a Narcotic Drug, Possession of a Narcotic Drug for Sale, Transportation of a Narcotic Drug for Sale, and Attempted Escape from custody for a Felony. He remains in-custody on a \$50,000 bond. Burns was arrested for Transportation of a Narcotic Drug for Sale and False reporting to Law Enforcement. Burns remains in-custody on a \$20,000 bond.



Top – Jackson
Above - Burns

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