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PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – Criminal Court Indictments Served/Felony Drug Offender Arrested

Location: 1551 Texas Avenue, Cookeville, TN
Date: May 8, 2015
Subject: Jerome McClinton, 43-years old
Indictments: Delivery of more than ½ ounce of marijuana, Simple Possession of Schedule II substances methamphetamine and cocaine, and Violation of the Drug Free School Zone Act

On May 8, 2015, the following deputies from the Putnam County Sheriff's Office Warrants Division: Lieutenant Pat Storie, Deputies Bo Sherrill and Dave Frizzell, and Sgt. Josh Reams who also serves with the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force, along with agents of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division served Criminal Court Indictments on Jerome McClinton for sale and delivery of more than ½ ounce of marijuana, simple possession of Schedule II substances methamphetamine and cocaine, and violation of the Drug Free School Zone Act.

Violation of the Drug Free School Zone Act enhances the criminal penalties for those who are caught violating drug offenses or who conspire to commit drug offenses within 1,000 feet of any school grounds, facilities, or real property that comprises any school (public or private), day care, child care agency, public library, or park.

Deputies located McClinton at 1551 Texas Avenue in Cookeville, Tennessee. During the arrest, deputies observed Oxycodone tablets inside the residence in plain view. Neither McClinton nor the other occupant inside the home could produce a valid prescription for the pills, which are a powerful and widely abused painkiller. McClinton was additionally charged with possession of a schedule II drug (Oxycodone) by Sgt. Josh Reams. McClinton was booked into the Putnam County Jail with a total bond of \$45,000.

Sheriff Farris said, "I am very proud of how our Warrants and Narcotics Divisions are working hand in hand to relentlessly find and locate individuals who are wanted for criminal activity. We are increasing our focus on illegal narcotics activity in Putnam County and will be relentless in our efforts to overcome this public safety issue."

Investigation into this incident is ongoing. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Putnam County Sheriff's Office at (931) 528-8484 or call our Drug Tip Hotline 931-525-METH (6384) and speak with a narcotics investigator.

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