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Owensboro Man Federally Indicted on Multiple Charges

On Friday, January 20, 2023, at approximately 11:46 A.M., Officers with the Owensboro Police Department responded to the 4500 Block of Frederica Street in reference to a Disturbance complaint. Officers on scene observed a male subject involved in the disturbance with several warrants. Officers went to detain the male subject when he attempted to flee from officers. Officers apprehended the male subject and recovered a loaded handgun, suspected methamphetamine, and multiple items of drug paraphernalia possessed by the male subject.

Montae Goodnight (35 years old of Owensboro) was arrested and charged with:

- Possession of Handgun by Convicted Felon
- Possession of Controlled Substance 1st Degree, 1st Offense (Methamphetamine) (Enhancement)
- Resisting Arrest
- Possession of Marijuana
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Outstanding Warrants

Prior to this arrest, Detectives with the Owensboro Police Department Street Crimes Unit (SCU) had initiated an investigation of Goodnight after he was identified as a significant and repeat trafficker of controlled substances in our community. Based upon the investigation, SCU Detectives charged Goodnight with the following:

- Trafficking in Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 2nd or Greater Offense (Greater or Equal to 2 Grams Methamphetamine)

Owensboro Police Department Detectives assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) task force presented their investigation to the United States Attorney's Office. On Wednesday, May 10, 2023, The United States District Court, Western District of Kentucky, federally indicted Goodnight on the following charges stemming from this incident:

- Distribution of Methamphetamine
- Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine
- Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person
- Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of Drug Trafficking

Goodnight has previously been charged with the following:

- Trafficking in Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 2nd or Greater Offense (Greater or Equal to 2 Grams Methamphetamine) (3 Counts)
- Trafficking in Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 2nd or Greater Offense (Less than 2 Grams Methamphetamine)
- Trafficking in Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 2nd or Greater Offense (Less than 2 Grams Heroin) (2 Counts)
- Trafficking in Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (Less than 4 Grams Cocaine) (2 Counts)
- Trafficking in Controlled Substance, 2nd Degree, 1st Offense (Less than 10 Dosage Units Amphetamine)
- Probation Violation (For Felony Offense) (4 Counts)
- Probation Violation
- Receiving Stolen Property (Firearm)
- Burglary 3rd Degree
- Criminal Trespassing 2nd Degree
- Theft of Motor Vehicle Registration Plate
- Receiving Stolen Property \$10,000 or More
- Receiving Stolen Property \$1,000 Less than \$10,000 (2 Counts)
- Theft of All Others Under \$500
- Tampering with Physical Evidence
- Possession of Marijuana
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2 Counts)
- Giving Officer False Identifying Information

Members of the Owensboro Police Department are committed to using every resource available, including the Drug Enforcement Administration and United States District Court, Western District of Kentucky, to ensure individuals responsible for trafficking large quantities of controlled substances in our community serve significant sentences in the Federal System. The Owensboro Police Department would like to thank our Federal partners for their continued support in helping us protect our community.