



# Owensboro Police Department

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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Multiple Men Federally Indicted on Conspiracy Charge**

In March 2023 Detectives with the Owensboro Police Department Street Crimes Unit began their investigation into three subjects who were suspected of trafficking large quantities of Methamphetamine in Owensboro, Daviess County, and surrounding counties. Detectives assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) task force presented their investigation to the United States Attorney's Office. On Wednesday, August 9, 2023, the United States District Court, Western District of Kentucky, Federally indicted the following subjects who were charged with Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute over 500 Grams of Methamphetamine:

- Joshua Morehead (39 years old from Hartford, Kentucky)
- Eric Coots (44 years old from Owensboro, Kentucky)
- Maninder Singh (30 years old from Louisville, Kentucky)

During the course of the investigation, approximately 10 pounds of Methamphetamine and 12 ounces of Cocaine were seized.

Morehead has previously been charged with the following:

- Manufacturing Methamphetamine 1<sup>st</sup> Offense
- Trafficking in Controlled Substance, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 2<sup>nd</sup> or Greater Offense (Greater or Equal to 2 Grams of Methamphetamine)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense (Methamphetamine)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense (Methamphetamine) (2 Counts)

- Possession of a Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense (Drug Unspecified)
- Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon (2 Counts)
- Unlawful Possession of Meth Precursor 1<sup>st</sup> Offense
- Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Parole Violation Warrant (2 Counts)
- Probation Violation (For Felony Offense)
- Persistent Felony Offender
- Assault 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Assault 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (Minor Injury) (2 Counts)
- Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle 1<sup>st</sup> Offense
- Unlawful Transaction with Minor 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Criminal Mischief 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Prescription Controlled Substance Not Proper Contain 1<sup>st</sup> Offense
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (3 Counts)
- Giving Officer False Identifying Information

Coots has previously been charged with the following:

- Receiving Stolen Property \$10,000 or More
- Possession of a Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense (Methamphetamine) (2 Counts)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2 Counts)
- Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree
- Criminal Mischief 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Disorderly Conduct 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Alcohol Intoxication in a Public Place (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense) (2 Counts)

Singh has previously been charged with the following:

- Trafficking in Marijuana (8 ounces to Less than 5 pounds) 1<sup>st</sup> Offense
- Possession of Marijuana
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Members of the Owensboro Police Department are committed to using every resource available, including the Drug Enforcement Administration Louisville and the 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.