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## Three Arrested After Gun and Drug Seizure

On Monday, October 16, 2023, Owensboro Daviess County Central Dispatch received information that two vehicles on the Wendell Ford Expressway were driving in a reckless manner with occupants in one vehicle pointing a firearm at the operator of another vehicle. While attempting to locate the vehicles involved, Officers were dispatched to the intersection of Frederica Street and West 25<sup>th</sup> Street for a collision involving one of the suspected vehicles.

As units responded to the collision, officers in another area observed the second vehicle involved and initiated a traffic stop. Inside the vehicle, Officers observed multiple loaded firearms including a Draco AK47 pistol. An Owensboro Police Department K-9 alerted on the vehicle. A search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of firearms, numerous loaded magazines, hydrocodone pills, marijuana, and a large sum of cash.

Detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division and Street Crimes Unit were called to the scene to continue their investigation.

The below subjects were arrested and are currently lodged at the Daviess County Detention Center on the following charges:

Preston Williams (31 years old of Owensboro)

- Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon
- Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense (Drug Unspecified) (Enhancement)
- Trafficking in Marijuana (8 ounces less than 5 pounds) 1<sup>st</sup> Offense (Enhancement)

Williams has previously been charged with the following:

- Murder
- Manslaughter 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (2 Counts)
- Possession of Handgun by Convicted Felon
- Receiving Stolen Property (Firearm)
- Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Unlawful Transaction with a Minor 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Probation Violation for Felony Offense
- Kidnapping Adult (2 Counts)
- Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense (Less than or equal to 2 grams of Methamphetamine)
- Parole Violation Warrant (2 Counts)
- Promoting Contraband 1st Degree
- Persistent Felony Offender
- Criminal Mischief 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

Tyler English (26 years old of Owensboro)

- Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (6 Counts)
- Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense (Drug Unspecified) (Enhancement)
- Trafficking in Marijuana (8 ounces less than 5 pounds) 1<sup>st</sup> Offense (Enhancement)

English has previously been charged with the following:

- Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Terroristic Threatening 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree
- Fraudulent Firearm Transaction
- Theft of All others \$1,000 less than \$10,000
- Assault 4th Degree (Domestic Violence) Minor Injury
- Assault 4th Degree (Domestic Violence) No Visible Injury (2 Counts)
- Assault 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (No Visible Injury)
- Violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO (2 Counts)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2 Counts)

**Aaron Dixon** (30 years old of Hartford, Kentucky)

- Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon
- Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense (Drug Unspecified) (Enhancement)
- Trafficking in Marijuana (8 ounces less than 5 pounds) 1<sup>st</sup> Offense (Enhancement)

Dixon has previously been charged with the following:

- Rape 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree (2 Counts)
- Sodomy 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree (2 Counts)
- Prohibited Use of Electronic Communication System to Procure Minor/Peace Officer Re: Sex Offenses
- Custodial Interference
- Unlawful Transaction with a Minor 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree

Anyone with additional information can call OPD at 270-687-8888, or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers at 270-687-8484.