

EFFINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL NEWS RELEASE

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SEARCH WARRANT LEADS TO ARREST OF EFFINGHAM MAN

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Effingham Police Department executed a search warrant at a residence in the Lakewood Manor Trailer Park at approximately 7:11 A.M. on September 28, 2023. Cole D. Heiden, 37, Effingham, was taken into custody on multiple charges, including Possession of a Controlled Substance (Fentanyl) – Class 4 Felony, Possession of Methamphetamine <5 grams – Class 3 Felony, and Unlawful Use or Possession of Firearm by a Felon – Class 2 Felony (due to prior drug convictions). Heiden was arrested and booked into Effingham County Jail.



Under the new Safe-T Act laws, a detention hearing was held on Friday, September 29, 2023, to determine pretrial release; the court found proof evident of commission of a detainable offense and the Effingham County State’s Attorney Aaron Jones’ petition that Heiden be detained pending trial was granted. Heiden is a convicted felon, and a loaded firearm was located in his possession and seized during the search. Possession of a Firearm by a Felon is a detainable offense as defined by the recently enacted Safe-T Act.

Multiple Law Enforcement Agencies assisted Effingham Police in conducting the search warrant, to include Effingham Police Department/Effingham County Sheriff’s Office Special Response Team (SRT) and SEIDTF (Southeastern Illinois Drug Task Force).

Effingham Police Lieutenant Detective Tom Webb was pleased with the outcome of the investigation which led to the search warrant and subsequent arrest of Heiden. According to Lt. Webb, “Investigators have been working tirelessly to identify fentanyl and methamphetamine associates in Effingham in order to curb the flow of illegal

substances in our city and protect our residents. Because of the strong teamwork between Effingham Police Officers and Effingham County Sheriff's Deputies, we were able to safely and successfully conduct today's task and make an arrest for both drugs and weapons."

The investigation is on-going, and additional charges are anticipated.

If you see it, say it! The Effingham Police Department encourages you to call the Police Department immediately at 217-347-0774 to report suspicious activity in your neighborhood or business district. Information can be given anonymously by calling the CRIME STOPPERS Tip Line at 217-347-6583. Anonymous callers can receive up to \$1,000 cash rewards.

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