

Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Arrest - Officers sustain minor injuries

On 07/07/21 at approximately 10:58pm, an FPD night shift officer attempted a traffic stop for multiple observed traffic infractions on a vehicle in the area of Rossville Ave & W Kyger St. The vehicle attempted to flee the traffic stop but quickly crashed into a nearby fence post on a vacant lot. The driver then fled on foot as an FPD officer engaged in a short foot pursuit and was met with physical resistance in dark alley and backyard.

Attempts to de-escalate were utilized but the suspect refused to be taken into custody without further physical resistance. Due to the suspects drug-induced rage, a Taser deployment was ineffective. OC spray was deployed which contaminated multiple FPD Officers now on scene and the suspect. As soon as the suspect was safely in custody FPD Officers placed him in the recovery position and he was sat up to allow for easier breathing and awaited EMS arrival.

The suspect was transported to the Clinton County Jail after medical clearance. Official criminal charges were filed by the Clinton County Prosecutor's Office. Two FPD Officers were treated at IU Health Frankfort and released.

"The officers involved should be commended for their restraint when effecting this arrest," stated Chief Scott Shoemaker. "After watching body camera footage, I am so grateful the officers did not experience serious injury. What is even more important is after fighting an extremely intoxicated hyped-up individual, the officers provided whatever care they could at the scene."

Arrested: 53-year-old George Shelley III of Linton, Indiana.

Charges filed:

35-48-4-1.1(a)(2)/F2: Dealing in Methamphetamine/Amount of 10 or more grams, 35-48-4-1.1(a)(2)/F2: Dealing in Methamphetamine/Between 5 & 10 grams with Enhancing Circumstances, 35-48-4-6.1(a)/F3: Possession of Methamphetamine Possession of 28 or more grams of methamphetamine., 35-48-4-6.1(a)/F3: Possession of Methamphetamine Possession of b/t 10 & 28 grams of methamphetamine., 35-42-2-1(c)(1)/F5: Battery w/ Bodily Injury to a Public Safety Officer victim is a public safety o, 35-44.1-3-1(a)(1)/F6: Resisting Law Enforcement-Same as 3927, but def causes bodily injury, 35-44.1-3-1(a)(3)/F6: Resisting Law Enforcement-Same as 3929, but def. uses a vehicle., 16-42-19-13/F6: Unlawful Possession or Use of a Legend Drug knowingly possess or use X, a Legend Dr, 35-44.1-3-1(a)(1)/MA: Resisting Law Enforcement def. knowingly or intentionally forcibly resists, o, 35-48-4-8.3(b)(1)/MC: Possession of Paraphernalia

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