

Man charged with promoting prostitution, human trafficking in Clarksville

CLARKSVILLE, TENN. — A traffic stop on Saturday led to a Knoxville man being charged with promoting prostitution, human trafficking and drug charges.

According to warrants, a Clarksville Police officer found a juvenile girl in a vehicle he stopped for speeding and learned she was a runaway from state custody.

The officer also learned that Rodger Lee Shealy Jr., 38, of Knoxville, had taken the girl to a foster home in Union County on Jan. 31, and some time later, had received money from the girl's prostitution activities, a warrant said. It also indicated he allowed the girl access to drugs.

A drug agent then went to a room at a motel near Interstate 24 and asked Shealy if he could come inside to talk. The agent did a "walk-through" of the room and saw a rock-like substance in plain view. The substance tested positive for heroin, according to the warrant.

From the warrant, it was unclear who was driving the vehicle and the sequence of events.

Shealy is charged with promoting prostitution, human trafficking, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, possession of a Schedule I drug (heroin) for resale and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$75,000.

Wanted man jumps from balcony

A Clarksville man wanted on sealed indictments tried to flee from police Friday night by jumping from a second-story balcony at a motel, only to be apprehended by an officer in the parking lot.

Kason Dewayne Hairston, 34, who gave a 3844 Marla Circle address, was booked into Montgomery County Jail on two charges of aggravated burglary, two charges of theft of property, two charges of a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, three charges of possession of a firearm during the commission of a dangerous felony, aggravated robbery, vandalism, possession of a Schedule II drug (cocaine), simple possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and evading arrest.

Bond was set at \$340,000.

According to warrants, a detective went to a room at a motel on Holiday Drive just after 10:30 p.m. on Jan. 31, and when Hairston opened the door, the detective smelled an odor of marijuana. A police officer with the detective asked Hairston to step out of the room, and he handed her his cell phone, then ran down the motel balcony before jumping.

An officer on the ground subdued Hairston, the warrant said.

Police found a Glock 19 handgun in the waistband of his pants and a small plastic bottle in his shirt pocket that contained white rocks. In a cigarette box in the pocket were rolled marijuana cigarettes and a baggie containing a white powder. The rocks and powder tested positive for cocaine.

Hairston was served with two sealed grand jury indictments for the vandalism, aggravated burglary and theft charges, as well as the weapons charges. Jail records show he was free on bond for previous charges of aggravated robbery and aggravated burglary and theft.

About arrests

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