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Jessica Elvey



Richard Butcher

Drug Investigation nets 6 arrests, heroin, cash, firearms, marijuana

Smyrna Police Dept. investigators recently culminated a nearly yearlong drug investigation with 6 arrests and the seizure of illegal narcotics, firearms, drug proceeds and a motor vehicle. On 9/28/16 at approx. 0830 hrs members of the SPD S.T.A.R. (Special Tactics and Response) team executed a search and seizure warrant in the unit block of North Fairfield Dr, Smyrna. Once inside, team members detained 6 individuals without incident. A subsequent search of the residence revealed 747 bags of powder heroin weighing 11.2 grams, 1.1 grams of brown tar heroin, 21.1 grams of marijuana, numerous items of drug paraphernalia, two handguns (one listed as stolen from a 2014 burglary in Delaware), ammunition, and \$1,084.00 in US currency. Investigators also seized a motor vehicle from the property which was being used to transport and sell heroin. Richard Butcher, 39, of Smyrna was charged with the following crimes: Possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony; possess, purchase, own or control a firearm if previously convicted of two violent felonies on separate occasions; possess, purchase, own or control a firearm or ammunition by a person prohibited prior violent crime or felony, receiving a stolen firearm; possession of a controlled substance in a tier 5 quantity; manufacture, deliver, or possesses with intent to manufacture, deliver a controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia non-marijuana related; possession of drug paraphernalia marijuana related; and possess/consume marijuana personal use quantity 21 or older. Butcher was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court 2 via video phone and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center in default of \$163,202 cash only bond.

Jessica Elvey, 26, of Smyrna was charged with the following crimes; possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony; receiving a stolen firearm; possession of a controlled substance in a tier 5 quantity; two (2) counts of manufacture, deliver, or possesses with intent to manufacture, deliver a controlled substance; possession of a controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia non-marijuana related; possession of drug paraphernalia marijuana related; and possess/consume marijuana personal use quantity 21 or older. Elvey was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court 2 via video phone and committed to Baylor Women's Correctional Center in default of \$73,102.00 cash only bond.

Shawn Jones, 43, Michelle Jones, 43, Aaron Tidwell, 27 and Erik Roberts, 31 all of Smyrna were each charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. All 4 were issued a criminal summons ordering them to appear in court at a later date and were released from custody.