



Mississippi County Sheriff's Office

Street Crimes Unit



Case# 2017-0453

Offense: Theft by Receiving (Felony), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (Felony)

Victim: Aubrey "A.L" Robertson

Offender: Matthew Ainsworth, Casey Ainsworth

Detective: Christopher Ellis

Synopsis:

On Wednesday, May 24, 2017 members of the Mississippi County Sheriff's Department Street Crimes Unit traveled to Melvin's Pond, located about a quarter mile north of Highway 308, in Frenchman's Bayou, searching for stolen property. Sgt. Polk and Cpl. Ellis arrived to the northeast corner of the pond and noticed a red, single-cab truck next to the pond. The officers then noticed two subjects in a boat, a few feet from the bank. They exited their vehicle and made contact with the subjects, identified as Matthew and Casey Ainsworth. Matthew immediately made the statements "this ain't my boat" and "it was hidden in the weeds by the field". Matthew also admitted he has access to another boat but hooked the trailer and boat to his truck to go fishing.

While speaking with Matthew and Casey Ainsworth, the boat and trailer were removed from the water. The VIN on the trailer was ran through ACIC/ NCIC and showed to returned to A. L. Robertson. The boat decal number was also ran through ACIC/ NCIC and showed to return to Mr. Robertson.

Deputy Cummings made contact with Aubrey "A. L." Robertson at 209 Elrod In Joiner, AR. Mr. Robertson confirmed the aluminum boat and boat trailer belonged to him and had been parked in an empty lot behind his residence. Mr. Robertson did not know the boat and trailer were missing until Deputy Cummings spoke with him. Deputy Cummings took a Theft of Property report from Mr. Robertson. Matthew Ainsworth and Casey Ainsworth were placed into custody and transported to the Mississippi County Sheriff's Department. An inventory search of Matthew Ainsworth's vehicle was conducted and a blue, glass pipe commonly used to smoke methamphetamine was located on the front dash, in plain view. The vehicle, boat and trailer was towed by Strop's Wrecker Service to the Mississippi County Sheriff's Department.

Matthew Ainsworth has a prior criminal history including charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Fleeing. Casey Ainsworth also has a prior criminal history including charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Fleeing and Battery 3rd.