



Mississippi County Sheriff's Office

Street Crimes Unit



Case# 2017-0460

Offense: Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver (Methamphetamine)

Victim: State of Arkansas

Offender: Eric Ainsworth

Detective: Christopher Ellis

Synopsis:

On Thursday, May 25, 2017 members of the Mississippi County Sheriff's Department Street Crimes unit were in the area of Frenchman's Bayou, AR checking for stolen property. Lt. Preston Williams and Cpl. Ellis observed a four wheeler turn onto Highway 61 from Highway 308. The four wheeler was driving very hazardously on the roadway. The driver then turned off the roadway and stopped the four wheeler in front of a residence. The officers then recognized the driver to be Eric Ainsworth. The officers made contact with Ainsworth regarding him operating an ATV on the Highway. While speaking with Ainsworth, the officers noticed he kept trying to distance himself from them and he kept a bladed stance. Ainsworth also kept his right hand inside his front right watch pocket. Ainsworth appeared to be extremely nervous due to constantly moving around and fumbling over his words.

Both officers are familiar with Eric Ainsworth and aware he is on active parole. Cpl. Ellis the asked Ainsworth to place his hands on the four wheeler so he could be checked for weapons. Eric moved toward the four wheeler but quickly put his right hand back in his watch pocket. Cpl. Ellis then grabbed Ainsworth's right hand and pocket and a brief struggle ensued. Cpl. Ellis could feel a hard, rock-like substance in Ainsworth's watch pocket. Ainsworth quickly calmed down and stopped struggling and Cpl. Ellis removed a baggie containing suspected methamphetamine. The substance was field tested and tested positive for methamphetamine. The baggie had an approximate weight of 2.5 grams. Eric Ainsworth was transported to the Mississippi County Sheriff's Department and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver (Methamphetamine) and placed in jail. Ainsworth was issued a written warning for riding an ATV on the Highway.

Eric Ainsworth is currently on active Parole assigned to Trey Johnson. Ainsworth has several felony convictions for drug charges and Theft charges.

On Friday, May 26, 2017 Osceola District Court Judge Donald Betterton was presented the facts of this case and set a temporary bond in the amount of \$50,000.