



## PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

10/30/2025

### **TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO FENTANYL ARREST**

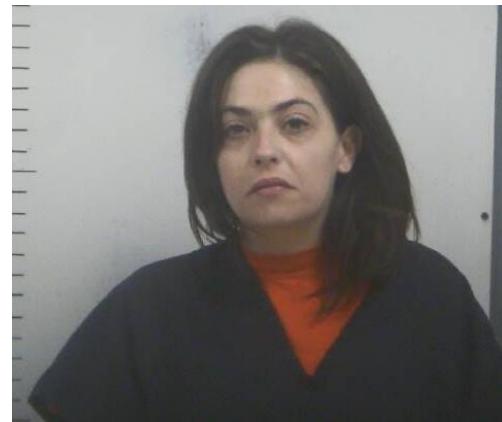
PUTNAM COUNTY, TN—On October 29, 2025, Putnam County Sheriff's Office Deputies, with the assistance of PCSO Narcotics Division and Overton County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division, conducted a traffic stop at 791 S Jefferson Ave on a vehicle for a license plate violation.

The occupants of the vehicle were identified to be Jonah Mathews and Rebecka Rector. During the traffic stop Mr. Mathews was making furtive movements as if he was trying to conceal something or reach for a weapon. Deputies then asked Mr. Mathews to step out of the vehicle. When he did exit the vehicle, Mr. Mathews attempted to throw out and step on a piece of foil.

The foil was found to contain a small amount of suspected fentanyl. Deputies then searched the vehicle which revealed approximately 3-4 grams of a pink substance believed to be fentanyl, multiple baggies, digital scales with powder residue, and several cut straws with residue. Mr. Mathews and Ms. Rector were both taken into custody and transported to the Putnam County Jail.

**Jonah Mathews** was charged with Manufacture, Delivery, Sell of Fentanyl, Tampering with Evidence, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Driving on Suspended. **Mr. Mathews** has a bond set at \$72,500 and a court date of December 1, 2025.

**Rebecka Rector** was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. **Ms. Rector** has a bond set at \$1,500 and a court date of December 1, 2025.



***"Earning the Public's Trust Every Day!"***

**\*\* This Press Release is property of Sheriff Eddie Farris, any use of this release without authorization or consent is strictly prohibited. \*\***



**Media Contact:**

Morgan Abston, Public Information Officer | [pio@putnamcountynsherrif.gov](mailto:pio@putnamcountynsherrif.gov) | 931.265.8605

*“Earning the Public’s Trust Every Day!”*

**\*\* This Press Release is property of Sheriff Eddie Farris, any use of this release without authorization or consent is strictly prohibited. \*\***