



PRESS RELEASE

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DRUG INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – On February 5, 2024, Putnam County Sheriff's Office Drug Division opened an investigation into **William Logan Donatto-Jensen** for illegal drug activity. It was initially discovered that Donatto had been communicating with a Putnam County Jail inmate, Bianca Thornton, who was a current inmate at the time. During the investigation, PCSO Investigators were able to access video communication where **Donatto** was observed with a large amount of marijuana and a sum of cash during one of their video sessions. Investigators observed **Donatto** pick up Thornton after her release from the Putnam County Jail and leaving together. A short time later PCSO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on **Donatto** for a traffic violation, at which time they smelled a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. A short time later, after a search of the vehicle, approximately 28 grams of Methamphetamine, approximately 7 grams of fentanyl, and psychedelic mushrooms were seized. During the traffic stop **Donatto** disclosed that he had marijuana at his residence on Miranda Lane in Putnam County and agreed to cooperate with law enforcement. As a result of the search of the residence, approximately 1.75 pounds of marijuana, approximately 4 ounces of psychedelic mushrooms, a firearm, and a large amount of U.S. currency was seized.

Prior to the February 5th investigation, **Donatto** was arrested on several other charges that are currently in the criminal justice system.

Donatto was arrested and charged with Manufacture, Sell, and Delivery of Methamphetamine, Manufacture, Sell, and Delivery of Schedule VI Drugs, Manufacture, Sell, and Delivery of Schedule I Drugs, Manufacture, Sell, and Delivery of Schedule II Drugs, and Possession of a firearm with intent to go armed. **Donatto** has a bond of \$55,000 and a court date of February 23, 2024.

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