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PCSO ARRESTS THREE FOR DRUGS

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – On Thursday, July 7th, 2022, during early morning hours, Putnam County Sheriff's Office Drug Investigation Division and Patrol Deputies were conducting saturation of high drug areas and stopped a vehicle which led to the arrest of Keurstyn Lanae Garrett, 32, of Cookeville, TN, for two counts of simple possession / casual exchange and one count of drug paraphernalia, resulting in a bond total amount of \$14,000. Garrett has been in the Putnam County Jail thirteen separate times.

A second vehicle was stopped with occupants Billy Ray Cooper Jr., 37, of Cookeville, TN, and Chantel Renee Keagle, 32, of Cookeville, TN. Vehicle occupants threw two items out of the window and attempt to flee on foot but were apprehended.

During these stops, Deputies recovered approximately thirteen (13) ounces of methamphetamine, one (1) pound of marijuana, thirty (30) THC vape pens, unused small plastic baggies, digital weight scales, and approximately forty (40) buprenorphine pills. A search warrant yielded small amount of methamphetamine, marijuana, packaging material and scales.

Billy Ray Cooper Jr. was charged with manufacture / deliver / sell of schedule six drugs, tampering with evidence, manufacture / deliver / sell of schedule three drugs, and manufacture / deliver / sell of more than 0.5 grams of methamphetamine. Bond total of \$113,000. Cooper has been in the Putnam County Jail over thirty separate times.

Chantel Renee Keagle was charged with, manufacture / deliver / sell or possession of more than 0.5 grams of methamphetamine, tampering with evidence, manufacture, deliver, sell, possession of schedule six drugs, and was served an outstanding warrant for failure to appear to court on a previous charge. Bond total of \$110,000. Keagle has been in the Putnam County Jail eight separate times.

Sheriff Eddie Farris stated, "I am very proud of the work our Drug Investigation Unit and our Deputies have done resulting in these arrests this morning. Our work combating illegal narcotics in this community is nonstop and will continue to relentlessly fight narcotics in our county, because drug activity always leads to more violent crimes, and we are constantly striving to keep Putnam County a safe place to life and work. As a reminder to those people bringing narcotics into our community – we will find you and you will answer for your crimes."

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