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JURY CONVICTS GIBSON OF DEALING METHAMPHETAMINE AND RESISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

Evansville, IN – Prosecutor Diana Moers announces that on August 20, 2024, a jury found Cedric Dwight Gibson guilty of Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony, and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. The Honorable Magistrate Judge Ryan C. Reed of the Vanderburgh County Circuit Court presided.

On May 3, 2024, Evansville Police Department Officer Mansfield was conducting routine patrols when he noticed the Defendant, Cedric Dwight Gibson, who had active felony warrants, was in the area and eventually began to urgently flee the area on foot. Detective Blair and his K9 partner apprehended Gibson and found illegal substances including several baggies of methamphetamine. Given the quantity of the methamphetamine found in this case, the fact that it was individually bagged, and the nearly \$2,000 in cash seized from the Defendant, Detectives concluded Cedric Dwight Gibson was dealing.

At the jury trial the state presented witness testimony, body camera footage, photographic evidence, and nearly 17 grams of the seized methamphetamine to the jury - ultimately leading to the swift guilty verdict after only 1 hour of deliberation.

Prosecutor Moers stated: “Nearly every violent crime committed in Vanderburgh County is the result of drugs - those that use them and especially those that deal them. Drugs sink their roots into a community and ruin every life they touch - from the user and their family and children to the dealer who is required to use violence to protect his stash. Communities are in the middle of this activity and innocent people suffer because of it. I commend all who worked on this case to get these drugs off our streets and this dealer in jail where he belongs. We will continue to diligently investigate and prosecute these cases and stay ahead of the dealers and any that assist them. We are continuously pouring resources into this initiative: life as a drug dealer in Vanderburgh County will not be fruitful.”

Prosecutor Moers thanks her Deputies Erik Bryant and Neil Thomas for an efficient and successful trial and extends this thank you to her investigative and legal staff Tony Carden, Jessica Pollock, Morgan Richardville, Jennifer Savage, and Tori Omer who all worked jointly to bring the case to trial.

In addition, Prosecutor Moers thanks the Evansville Vanderburgh County Joint Drug Task Force, Evansville Police Officer Mansfield and Detective Blair and the K9 Officer for their dedicated work in keeping these harmful drugs off the streets of our community.

Sentencing is scheduled for September 13, 2024, in front of the Honorable Magistrate Judge Ryan C. Reed of the Vanderburgh County Circuit Court.

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