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SEARCH WARRANT YIELDS LARGE SEIZURE OF METH AND HEROIN

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – May 17, 2019 – On May 16, 2019, the Athens Police Department and McMinn County Sheriff's Office assisted the 10th Judicial District Drug Task Force in serving a search warrant at 505 Kilgore Street. The search warrant stemmed from a lengthy investigation into the sale of illegal drugs taking place at this location.

Upon entering the residence, officers encountered three adult individuals, as well as a five-week old baby. During the search of the residence, officers located approximately 3 pounds of suspected methamphetamine and approximately one-half pound of suspected heroin. These drugs had a combined street value of approximately \$21,000.

The drugs were seized, and the Tennessee Department of Children Services responded to take custody of the child. Charges are pending against the following individuals:

Jason Chandler Johnson
Sale and Delivery of a Schedule 2 Drug (Meth)

Lueava Corr
Sale and Delivery of a Schedule 1 Drug (Heroin)
Sale and Delivery of a Schedule 2 Drug (Meth)
Child Endangerment

Chief Couch, of the Athens Police Department said "The Athens Police Department will continue to partner with the McMinn County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Task Force to take drug dealers like these off the streets. If you're an addict in Athens, please know that there is hope. Reach out to the Grace House, Women at the Well Ministries, or any of the other area organizations that can connect you to resources to help confront your addictions. There are people in our community that care about you and want to help you.

If you're a drug dealer in Athens, you should probably find a different line of work. Our community won't allow you to peddle this filth to our children and neighbors without being held accountable. This won't be the last drug house to be shuttered."

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