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DRUG INVESTIGATION LEADS TO SEARCH WARRANT AND ARRESTS

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – November 4, 2019 – On Friday, November 2, 2019, at approximately 12pm, the Athens Police Department and McMinn County Sheriff’s Office assisted the 10th Judicial District Drug Task Force in serving a search warrant at 311 Bud Street in Athens. The search warrant stemmed from an investigation into the sale of illegal drugs taking place at this location.

While serving the warrant, officers seized various illegal substances, a handgun, and cash believed to be drug proceeds. James Moore was arrested by the Drug Task Force for outstanding warrants that stemmed from previous drug and weapons charges.

The Drug Task Force is a collaborative effort led by the 10th Judicial District Attorney General’s Office. In addition to full time agents employed by the Attorney General, the Task Force is also staffed by “contributory officers” from local agencies. The City of Athens began assigning an officer to the Task Force in 2018. The Athens Police Department, McMinn County Sheriff’s Office, Drug Task Force, and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation all participated in the investigation and service of the aforementioned search warrant.

Chief Couch, of the Athens Police Department, said “I am thankful for the wonderful working relationship that APD enjoys with all of our area law enforcement family. No one should have to live near a drug-dealer, and I know that these cooperative efforts are our best chance at putting these drug houses out of business. There is a lot more work to be done, and we’ll continue working together toward a drug-free Athens.”

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