



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

PRESS RELEASE

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BUD STREET DRUG HOUSE CLOSED

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – January 8, 2020 – On January 7, 2020, members of the Athens Police Department, TBI, and the 10th Judicial District Drug Task Force served a search warrant at 311 Bud Street. The search warrant dealt with the sale of illegal drugs. During the search warrant officers recovered methamphetamine, prescription pills, and paraphernalia consistent with the distribution of methamphetamine. Officers arrested James Moore on an outstanding warrant for Violation of Probation and a Theft warrant. Further charges, related to the items located during the search warrant, will likely be forthcoming.

This same house was the subject of a search warrant for drug activity in November 2019 (less than three months ago). An excerpt from that Press Release follows this release.

During the service of the warrant, officers observed dangerous and dilapidated conditions in the house and contacted Athens Code Enforcement Officers. The house was determined to be unfit for habitation, posted as such and boarded up.

Chief Couch, of the Athens Police Department, said “The Athens Police Department and our partners will continue doing everything in our power, with the resources we have, to make sure no one has to raise their family near drug dealers. There is a great deal more work to be done about the drug issues in Athens, but this drug house is closed for business.”

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EXCERPT FROM PREVIOUS RELEASE

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.