

Probationer Arrested for Again in Coffee County for Methamphetamine Possession

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COFFEE COUNTY, Georgia – Bryant Jesse Knight (54) of Broxton, who was labeled as a Habitual Offender by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) in 2000, has again been arrested by the CCSO (Coffee County Sheriff's Office) Drug Unit for the same offense for which he was already on probation. Records indicate that Knight had been released from prison in 2022 after serving less than two months of a 2-year sentence.

Records indicate that a CCDU (Coffee County Drug Unit) deputy observed a tan Chevrolet Malibu driving the wrong way (bearing west on the eastbound side of road) about 3:13 p.m. on Thursday, March 14th. When Knight, the Malibu driver, stopped, the Knight opened his door, and was described by the deputy as having "leaned out to pick something up from the ditch" area. Knight is then said to have closed his car door and backed up, while the CCDU deputy was still behind the vehicle.

Knight did stop his Malibu when the CCDU deputy commenced turning on his emergency lights to signal that he would perform an official traffic stop. In the

report,

the deputy described that he walked up to the Malibu to speak with the driver, who stated that he was "picking up flint from the road". Following the statement, Knight showed the deputy some flint in his hand. The deputy requested to see Knight's driver's license, which Knight provided.

During the conversation between the CCDU deputy and Knight, Knight was asked whether or not he was on parole or probation. Knight correctly identified that he was on probation and then indicated that the probation office was trying to get him off probation. When Knight told the CCDU deputy that he was on probation for the possession of methamphetamine, the deputy requested permission to search Knight's car.

The CCDU deputy's report that Bryant Knight started to reach inside his pocket as he told the officer that he had a joint in his pocket. The deputy responded with instructions for Knight to refrain from reaching for anything. At that point, Knight claimed that he was reaching for his driver's license, despite the fact that Knight had already given his license to the deputy.

The CCDU deputy then searched Knight finding a "black film canister in Knight's right front pants pocket which contained a 'clear rock-like substance'. The deputy suspected the substance to be methamphetamine. When the deputy search Knight's car, the deputy found a gold digital scale with a "rock-like residue on the weighing surface".

Knight was arrested by the CCDU deputy and transported to the Coffee County Jail. At the jail, staff searched Knight and discovered a small bag of a green leafy substance in his pocket.

The suspected methamphetamine was field tested and determined to be positive for being methamphetamine and weighed 5.65 grams.

Knight continued to be incarcerated at the Coffee County Jail at the time of writing this article.

Public records indicate that Bryant Knight was charged in July 2015 on methamphetamine possession with the intent to distribute as well as marijuana possession (less than 1 oz.).

In July 2021 Knight was again charged with possession of methamphetamine.

Is a public official working for the citizens when...?

- official doesn't update government's website and keep current
- official commonly uses derogatory 'pet' names for anyone who does not hold identical views or anyone perceived as questioning or challenging
- official limits information available on a government's website
- official offers solution which isn't a full solution, just to appear 'helpful'
- official tells staff to ignore Open Records requests instead of responding to them, hoping that the person will not pursue the request
- official doesn't look for ways to be transparent, particularly with online information, limiting citizens right to know
- official calls citizen by name and labels a liar during public meeting?
- official tells citizens to take care of matters themselves, instead of enforcing ordinances?
- official creates community budget and minimizes board/council or citizens their right to know in advance and give input?
- official changes meetings to accommodate employee creating attendance problems for board/council and citizens.
- official constructs narrative for citizen by saying official held public meetings about which board/council never were informed.
- official pits people against each other to make one feel right and the other one wrong.
- official controls all the decision-making about everything including the responsibilities of a board/council.
- official claims truth is what's being said at the moment, instead of information in accordance with fact or reality
- official tells citizens to follow the law, but privately doesn't do it him/herself.