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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**JURY CONVICTS HABITUAL CRIMINAL OF DEALING IN COCAINE**

*Muncie Indiana* – Today a Delaware County jury deliberated for approximately an hour before convicting habitual criminal Reginald D. Akins Jr. (DOB 01/20/1966) of Dealing in Cocaine, a Level 3 Felony, Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony, Driving While Suspended a Class A Misdemeanor, and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor. A copy of the Affidavit of Probable Cause for Arrest Without a Warrant that was filed with the case is attached. The jury also found Akins to be an habitual offender in that he has accumulated two (2) prior unrelated felony convictions: Armed Robbery and Possession of Methamphetamine. The Honorable Judi L. Calhoun, Judge of the Delaware Circuit Court No. 1 withheld setting a sentencing date pending the arrest of the Defendant. This was somewhat of an unusual set of circumstances. The Defendant has multiple cases pending and was being held in the jail pending trial. However, on May 3, 2024, the Court, over the State's objection, permitted the Defendant to post bail and be released. On May 17, 2024, the Court granted the State's Motion to Revoke Bail based on the allegation that the Defendant removed his electronic home detention bracelet and an arrest warrant was issued. The Defendant failed to appear for his own jury trial this week. Nevertheless, the prosecution team proceeded with trial in the Defendant's absence. There is currently a warrant for the Defendant's arrest. Anyone who may know the whereabouts of the Defendant should call the Delaware County Drug Taskforce at 765-747-4866 or the Delaware County Dispatch Center 765-747-7878. Pursuant to Indiana law:



Reginald D. Akins

- A Level 3 Felony is punishable by 3 – 16 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.
- A Level 4 Felony is punishable by 2 – 12 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.

- A Class A Misdemeanor is punishable by up to 1 year in jail and a \$5,000 fine.
- A Class C Misdemeanor is punishable by up to 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine.
- The Habitual Offender Enhancement can add an additional 6 – 20 years to the total sentence.

After the verdict was returned, Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney Eric Hoffman said “I am proud of Deputy Prosecutor Steve Sneed, Prosecutor’s Investigator Kira Curtis and Muncie Police Officer Danielle Bradford for their hard work and dedication in this case.”

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AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT

COMES NOW, Bradford Danielle, a police officer of the Muncie Police Department, and being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that the following described person was arrested, without Warrant, upon the charge(s), facts and circumstances herein after stated, and makes this affidavit for the purpose of establishing probable cause for said arrest.

NAME OF ARRESTEE: Akins Reginald Dean Jr

CASE REPORT #: 2021-00037120

ADDRESS OF ARRESTEE: 1508 S HACKLEY ST MUNCIE IN 47302

ARRESTEE DATE OF BIRTH: 1/20/1966

DATE OF ARREST: 10/20/2021

TIME OF ARREST: 10:34

CHARGE 1: Possession of Cocaine or Narcotic Drug

Completed a class 5 Felony

CHARGE 2: Possession of Cocaine or Narcotic Drug

Completed a class 5 Felony

CHARGE 3: Possession of Methamphetamine

Completed a class 5 Felony

CHARGE 4:

a class

The basis and reasons why this officer believes that said arrestee committed the aforesaid offense (s) in Delaware (On 10/20/2021 at approximately 1032hrs my partner Officer J. Guinn and I, Officer D. Bradford, were on patrol in the area of McKinley and Riverside when I observed a silver Cadillac DTS traveling south on McKinley. I recognized the vehicle (plate# 154DHJ) from prior police contacts and knew the registered owner was Reginald

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my information and belief.

DATED: 10/20/21

OFFICER: Bradford Danielle

*Bradford Danielle* #1705

JUDICIAL DETERMINATION

THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING A JUDICIAL OFFICER OF DELAWARE COUNTY, AND HAVING REVIEWED THE FOREGOING AFFIDAVIT, NOW DETERMINES THAT PROBABLE CAUSE EXISTED FOR THE ARREST OF SAID ARRESTEE AND NOW FIXES BOND IN THE PENAL SUM OF

\$ 30,000

DATED: 10/21/2021

SIGNED:

*Marianne Vorhees*

TITLE:

*Judge*

NAME OF ARRESTEE: Akins Reginald Dean Jr

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CHARGES TO BE FILED BY: 10/27/2021

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The basis and reasons why this officer believes that said arrestee committed the aforesaid offense (s) are as follows: **Akins**. I conducted a license plate check and confirmed the vehicle did belong to **Akins**, who I knew to have several active warrants for his arrest (ID# 18C03-1904-F4-0021; 18C03-2010-F5-0151; 18C03-2011-F5-0173; 18C03-2010-F6-0645; 18C03-1909-F6-0716; 18C03-2009-F6-0558; 18C03-1902-F6-0178). I also knew Akins driver's license status is suspended prior on a regular ID card.

I initiated at traffic stop on the vehicle near the intersection of W. Wiltshire and N. Oakden. I approached the vehicle and made contact with Akins. Akins was cooperative and acknowledged his warrants, I had him exit the vehicle and as he did so he started to take off his outer jacket. Once Akins was out of the vehicle he took the jacket off and it was placed on his driver's seat. Akins was then placed in custody.

While Akins was being searched and secured I retrieved my K9 partner, Rasse, from my patrol car to conduct a free air narcotics sniff around the vehicle. K9 Rasse and I approached the vehicle from the rear, and I observed him immediately whip his head toward the passenger side. I then observed him sniff along the passenger side door seams intensely before sitting down and alerting to the odor of narcotics inside the vehicle.

The vehicle was searched following K9 alert. Officer Coffey advised he'd located a clear plastic bag containing a white rock like substance on the back floor board near the center console. I searched the jacket Akins had taken off prior to being placed in handcuffs. Inside one of the jacket pockets I located a green clear plastic bag containing a hard white rock like substance similar to the substance Officer Coffey located. I then located a clear plastic bag containing a clear crystallized rock like substance, which I recognized and believed to be meth, in the same pocket. I also located a clear plastic bag containing a leafy plant like substance, which I recognized and believed to be marijuana, on the passenger side of the vehicle. Officer Coffey advised he'd also located a clear plastic bag containing a tan hard powdery substance in the visor above the driver's seat, I recognized and believed that substance to be heroin based on my field training and experience. I was later advised a clear crystallized rock like substance was located in the door handle on the back passenger side of the vehicle. A small bag was also located in the back seat, the bag contained three glass pipes with residue inside. One of the pipes had a crystallized rock inside.

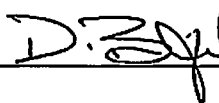
All of the substances located were collected and placed in a paper evidence bag.

Officer Guinn read Akins Miranda. Under Miranda Akins advised me the crystallized rock like substance was "ice" (meth) and the hard rock like substance was crack. Akins denied any knowledge of the hard tan substance located, and insisted he

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my information and belief.

DATED: 10/20/2021

OFFICER: Bradford Danielle

 #1105

NAME OF ARRESTEE: Akins Reginald Dean Jr

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The basis and reasons why this officer believes that said arrestee committed the aforesaid offense (s) are as follows:  
doesn't deal with heroin.

I conducted a field test of the crystallized rock like substance located, which field tested positive for the presence of meth. I also conducted a field test on the hard white rock like substance, which field tested positive for the presence of crack cocaine. A field test was not conducted on the hard tan powder like substance due to the potential side effects of heroin. The meth located weighed approximately 12.2 grams contained in its packaging. The heroin weighed approximately 6 grams contained in its packaging. The crack weighed approximately 9.9 grams contained in its packaging. Each substance has been logged into the MPD property room as evidence. The marijuana was logged for destruction.

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Akins was transported to the jail without further incident. Once at the jail he was read a copy of his warrants.

*I affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my information and belief.*

/s/ Danielle Bradford - #1705

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my information and belief.

DATED: 10/20/2021

OFFICER: Bradford Danielle

D. Bradford #1705

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