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More than 5 years have passed in Brown County Case number DTF 12-00033-05.

BACKGROUND

DTF conducted controlled buys of cocaine base on 02-13-12 and 02-14-12 from Joel Greer. The second controlled buy was in his vehicle with his wife Elizabeth Greer and their kids in the car.

On 02-14-12, DTF conducted a search warrant at Joel Greer's home. We located just under a 1/2 ounce of crack cocaine (11.6 grams) and just over 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana (75 grams), evidence of distribution and \$2,000.00 of U.S. Currency.

During the interview with Joel he admitted to me to selling marijuana, crack cocaine and drugs in general since 2000. Joel admitted to selling to over a dozen people and that he and Elizabeth use marijuana. Joel admitted that the \$2,000.00 that was located was drug proceeds and voluntarily transferred the money to BCSO, signing a voluntarily transfer of assets form.

During the interview with Elizabeth she also admitted to using marijuana and that Joel and his friends sell drugs.

On 03-01-12, the \$7,500.00 was posted by Beverly Greer (Joel's mother) and Zak did an investigation with a K-9 sniff, seizing the money based on a variety of things including K-9 alert of the odor of drugs on the money, the inconsistent statements from Beverly and Elizabeth, bank receipt, time of day, etc.

DTF reviewed some but not all jail calls from 02-18-12 to 03-01-12 of Joel. There were calls that disproved some of Beverly and Elizabeth's statement to Zak and some that were consistent. There was statements that based on my training and experience that some of the money (\$400.00) came from a drug debt owed to Joel and that Joel's brother was



stopping selling drugs. There were some calls that suggested that some of the money may have been illegally obtained from selling their belongings. There were also statements that they were misusing their Quest card by allowing other people to use the card to buy food and statements that the money was legally obtained.

Based on the overall investigation the \$7,500.00 was returned on 04-09-12 to Beverly.

Joel has a long criminal history dating back to 1991 with multiple drug charges. Elizabeth currently has 4 active warrants for her arrest (1 for possession of THC from 2015, 1 for possession of drug paraphernalia from 2014, 1 for delivery of cocaine from 2017 and a bail jumping warrant)

On March 01, 2012 Beverly Greer, at 1:15 am posted bond for her son Joel Greer who was incarcerated on the following charges:

- (2) Felony Counts of Manufacture/Att. to Deliver Cocaine
- (2) Felony Counts of Maintaining a Drug Trafficking House
- (3) Counts Neglecting a Child
- (1) Possession of THC
- (2) Bail jumping

Beverly posted (36) \$100.00 bills, (66) \$50.00 bills, and (30) \$20.00 bills for a total of \$7,500.00. Beverly was asked about the legitimacy of the bond money and whether or not there would be any drug odor on any of the bills? Beverly asserted that there would be no odor of drugs on the bills and that the money was from tax returns that were filed by her and her daughter. When questioned, Beverly's dollar amounts changed and she originally told investigators that she received \$2,000.00 from her daughter's taxes, \$1,200.00 from a small claims suit, and \$4,500.00 from someone else's tax return. When questioned why the total was in excess of the bond amount Beverly became visibly nervous and reiterated it was all tax money.

DTF K-9 Officer Zak Holschbach and sole source drug dog "Sammy" conducted a sterile search of a vacant room in the jail, with no indicators of drugs present. The handler and dog were removed from the room. An independent Jail employee set 6 paper bags on the floor in the room. The paper bags were noted as brand new bags that all looked the same in appearance; however one bag contained the \$7,500.00 in currency. K-9 Handler Holschbach did not know which bag the money was in. Sammy was released into the room; not on-lead. Sammy immediately indicated on the bag with the currency. The currency and bag was then removed from the room, along with the remaining empty



bags. Sammy and the handler were removed from the room. 6 brand new empty bags were placed in the room and Sammy once again searched. No indicators were given. K-9 Handler Holschbach indicated that they train with the dog on "proofing". Holschbach indicated that the US Treasury provides the DTF with shredded money so that the dogs are trained to alert on the drugs; not the money odor.