

Two jail inmates face heroin charges

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Two Huron County Jail inmates accused of having heroin while in custody are facing felony charges.

About a week ago, a third prisoner gave a tip to the on-duty officer, accusing Bradley C. Jones, 34, of 101 First St., Willard, of having heroin in his possession, Sgt. Christopher Stanfield said. Officers then "conducted cell searches" and found five balloons and "another partial ... out of its wrapper" in Jones' cell within about 1 1/2 hours, he said.

"We're having it all tested," Stanfield added.

During the same search, corrections officers found Mark A. Noller Jr., 32, of 11 Rule St., with three balloons of heroin.

Stanfield said officers received information that Noller "got caught" after Jones reportedly gave him some heroin. Jones is further accused of giving drugs to other inmates in the same pod and an adjoining one, the jail supervisor said.

Jones faces one count each of possession of heroin, trafficking in heroin and conveyance of an illegal substance into a detention facility. Noller is charged with possession of heroin. Jail officials filed the charges this morning and no further charges are expected.

"The investigation is complete," Stanfield said.

Willard Assistant Law Director Scott Christophel, when asked about the charges against Jones, said his office doesn't comment on pending cases.

Jones has been in custody since March 12 when authorities used a search warrant at his home. Huron County Sheriff's Capt. Bob McLaughlin has said the warrants were for the purpose of seizing heroin and related items.

Officers affiliated with METRICH a 10-county drug task force based in Mansfield found 18 balloons of heroin, \$1,276 in cash in a safe and other heroin-related paraphernalia. McLaughlin said Jones is accused of going to Columbus on a daily basis to bring back heroin for Willard-area drug users. The Willard suspect faces one count of possession of heroin out of those suspected circumstances.

Noller has been in jail since Friday on a burglary charge in connection with a June 17 incident. He also was charged initially with a misdemeanor probation violation and contempt of court. A prosecutor has said Noller is accused of stealing \$50, a cell phone and some food during the North Pleasant Street burglary, when the bedroom and kitchen screens were damaged.

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