



BURKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Banks Hinceman

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS / NARCOTICS DIVISION PRESS RELEASE



Name:	CHRISTOPHER DEAN LUNSFORD			Name:	AUTUMN MARIE BURHANS		
DOB:	12/15/1983	Age:	39	DOB:	11/11/1993	Age:	29
Race:	White	Sex:	Male	Race:	White	Sex:	Female
Address:	415 Bryant Rd Lot 13, Morganton			Address:	1310 Jacobs Morganton		
Charges:	F - Flee/Elude Arrest F - Possession of Firearm by Felon M - Resisting Public Officer			Charges:	F- Trafficking Opium or Heroin F- Possession of Firearm by Felon		
Bond:	\$75,000– Secured			Bond:	\$100,000 – Secured		
Court Date:	August 11, 2023			Court Date:	August 11, 2023		

Details:

On August 11, 2023, Burke County Sheriff's Office deputies attempted to execute a traffic stop on a motorcycle with (2) occupants at the intersection of Antioch Road and NC 18-US 64. Upon the initiation of the traffic stop on NC 18-US 64, the motorcycle attempted to flee the scene at high speeds to elude the deputy. After a short chase the operator lost control of the motorcycle and crashed. The operator again attempted to flee the scene and was apprehended after a brief foot chase. Upon arrest, the subject was identified as Christopher Dean Lunsford and was found to be in possession of a firearm. The passenger of the motorcycle was identified as Autumn Marie Burhans and was also in possession of a firearm and approximately 7 grams of Fentanyl.

Lunsford was charged and arraigned on F- Flee/Elude Arrest, F-Possession of Firearm by Felon and M- Resisting Public Officer. He was placed in the Burke County Jail under a \$75,000 secured bond. Burhans was charged and arraigned with F- Trafficking Opium and/or Heroin (Fentanyl) and F-Possession of Firearm by Felon and placed in the Burke County Jail under a \$100,000 secured bond.

Agencies Involved:

Burke County Sheriff's Office, Burke County EMS and Morganton Department of Public Safety

August 17, 2023