



# BURKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**Sheriff Banks Hinceman**

## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS / NARCOTICS DIVISION PRESS RELEASE**

							
<b>Name:</b>	<b>BRANDON SHANE LOWDERMILK</b>			<b>Name:</b>	<b>ASHLEY MARIE PARKER-DEARSTONE</b>		
<b>DOB:</b>	07/03/1977	<b>Age:</b>	46	<b>DOB:</b>	04/25/1989	<b>Age:</b>	34
<b>Race:</b>	White	<b>Sex:</b>	Male	<b>Race:</b>	White	<b>Sex:</b>	Female
<b>Address:</b>	1400 Sweet Water Drive, Morganton			<b>Address:</b>	3333 Piney Road, Morganton		
<b>Charges:</b>	F - Possession of Firearm by Felon F - Trafficking Methamphetamine F - PWIMSD Methamphetamine F - Possession of Methamphetamine			<b>Charges:</b>	F - Possession of Methamphetamine M - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia M - Resisting Public Officer		
<b>Bond:</b>	\$150,000 – Secured			<b>Bond:</b>	\$20,000 – Secured		
<b>Court Date:</b>	February 12, 2024			<b>Court Date:</b>	February 12, 2024		

### **Details:**

On February 9, 2024 members of the Burke County Sheriff's Office and Hickory Police Department conducted a search warrant at 1400 Sweet Water Drive, Morganton, after numerous complaints in the community. Approximately 61 grams of Methamphetamine, 2 guns, and US currency were seized from the residence. Subsequent to the search, Brandon Shane Lowdermilk and Ashley Parker-Dearstone were taken into custody on their respective listed charges.

Lowdermilk was charged and arraigned on F-Possession of Firearm by Felon, (F) Trafficking Methamphetamine (F) PWIMSD Methamphetamine and (F) Possession of Methamphetamine. He was placed in the Burke County Jail under a \$150,000 secured bond. Parker-Dearstone was charged and arraigned with (F) Possession of Methamphetamine, (M) Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, (M) Resisting Public Officer, and placed in the Burke County Jail under a \$20,000 secured bond.

### **Agencies Involved:**

Burke County Sheriff's Office  
Hickory Police Department  
Burke County EMS

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024



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