

Sheriff Kevin Crook

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John Allen Seymore was arrested at his home on Seymore Rd Friday afternoon by members of Monroe County SWAT and NMNU.

His bond was set at \$50,000 by Justice Court Judge Brandon Davis.

At the time of this post, he is currently back at home and possibly back in business.

Seymore's charges on this latest arrest were:

TRAFFICKING METH- ENHANCED WITH A FIREARM

3 COUNTS OF POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY CONVICTED FELON

(there were 3 handguns found in close proximity to narcotics)

1 COUNT of SALE OF METHAMPHETAMINE

I admit I am a little bit frustrated with this particular situation, because as my Chief Deputy noted Friday, there were three generations of Monroe County Narcotics Officers present for the execution of the warrant who have arrested Seymore for selling drugs in Monroe County over the years.

I was with NMNU when we first executed a search warrant on Seymore and arrested him at his residence on Seymore road almost 20 years ago for distributing methamphetamine. He was convicted on those charges.

He has since been arrested and convicted on other drug charges related to distribution of Methamphetamine during my Chief Deputy's time in Narcotics, and now, he is facing 5 new felony charges under our current Narcotic Agents tenure.

Just to be clear, if John Allen Seymore could have gotten clean from methamphetamine and chosen a different path, I would be one of his biggest fans.

I love to see addicts (even those who were dealers) turn their lives around and help others to do the same; however, that is not the case here - at least not at this point.

We will continue to do our job in arresting these individuals, but it is cases like these that seem to support the fact that the justice system is failing the people of Monroe County.

When I came into office in 2020, we inherited a methamphetamine epidemic in this county. I asked my head of narcotics at that time about the number of people he estimated to be on methamphetamine out of our 36,000 citizens. He stated firmly, "about 10,000". I admit that I did not believe him. It could not have gotten that bad. Now after 5 years in office, I am seeing what he was seeing.

I don't know what the answer is Y'all, other than that we all truly find Jesus, but we have got to get tougher sentences on those who are making their living selling this stuff to our family members.

End of Rant.

Have a blessed and safe week.

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The sheriff later posted this additional comment on Sept. 4, 2024, at 7:55 a.m.

This post HAS NOTHING to do with the Justice Court Judge and his bond.

The bond amount is on target for these charges.

People have the right to bond out when arrested.

The problem is drug dealers in our communities are still out there doing this after multiple arrests