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LCSO Arrests Suspect of Weapons and Drugs Seized in Ongoing Operation

On Tuesday, February 13th, as part of an ongoing narcotics investigation, the Leon County Sheriff's Office's Vice and Narcotics Unit, aided by members from the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program (HIDTA), executed a search warrant in the 300 block of Putnum Drive in southern Tallahassee.

Detectives discovered three firearms, including a Marlin .22 caliber rifle, a Taurus revolver reported as stolen from TPD in a 2014 case, and a Mossberg shotgun identified as stolen from TPD in a 2021 case. Additionally, ammunition, \$2,190 in United States currency, synthetic marijuana, 8.7 grams of crack cocaine, and 1 gram of powder cocaine were confiscated during the search. The seizure led to the arrest of 51-year-old Matthew Tucker Jr., who now faces multiple charges, including the sale of illegal narcotics, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and grand theft of a firearm.

As an active and ongoing investigation, the Leon County Sheriff's Office emphasizes its commitment to removing illegally used firearms and dangerous drugs from the streets of Tallahassee and Leon County for the safety of its citizens. Citizens with information about illegal drug activity are urged to contact Vice and Narcotics detectives at 850-606-3400 or Crime Solvers at 850-574-TIPS. All Crime Solvers calls are anonymous, and information leading to an arrest may be rewarded with cash.



NAME: Matthew Tucker **DOB:** 03/06/1972

CHARGES:

Cocaine-Sell Schedule II (2 Counts)

- Cocaine-Possess with Intent to Sell Mfg Deliv Etc. Schedule II
- Grand Theft of Firearm (2 Counts)
- Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon
- Public Order Crimes Keep Pub Nuisance Structure for Drug Activity













