

Traffic Stop Leads to Meth Arrest

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THP Trooper Johnny Rodgers arrested 38-year-old Michael D. Parker, Jr., of Lafayette, on Friday night, April 18, on methamphetamine manufacture and drug paraphernalia charges after he ran a stop sign at the intersection of Ellington Drive and Church Street at 11:18 p.m.

According to Trooper Rodgers he stopped Parker for running a stop sign in Lafayette, and upon contact with the subject he noticed he was very nervous. "I issued Michael Parker Jr. a citation for a stop sign violation and while he was signing the citation, I noticed some drug paraphernalia in the 1991 Chevy pickup he was driving," said Trooper Rodgers. "I asked for consent to search and he granted it."

"I had already called for backup" continued Rodgers, "and by this time Troopers Danny Fisher and Justin Mote, two Lafayette Police Department officers and Sgt. Michael Veatch & K-9 Gordy, of the Macon County Sheriffs Office, had all arrived at the scene."

Upon search of the vehicle the officers found two meth pipes, a mini methamphetamine lab, \$6,620 in cash, seven hypodermic needles – one with meth still in it and six had already been dispensed but contained residue.

The vehicle and the cash were seized by the Tennessee Highway Patrol then placed into evidence.

Michael D. Parker Jr., was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and promotion of methamphetamine manufacture. Bond is set at \$15,000 and a General Sessions Court date is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9.

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