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Project Safe Neighborhoods Yellowstone County

Case Profiles

The following are some of the cases charged under the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative:

Brian Dean Pretty Weasel, 30, Crow Agency: convicted in federal court of being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm. Pretty Weasel was charged after a traffic stop in April which he was a passenger. There was a warrant for his arrest. Two semi-automatic handguns were on the seat after Pretty Weasel got out of the vehicle. Pretty Weasel was searched and officers found he was wearing a concealed carry shirt that was designed to hold two firearms. He later admitted he handled the two firearms. He was prohibited from having firearms because of a prior felony conviction.

James Franklin Schlensker, 46, Billings: pleaded guilty in federal court to possessing meth with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking. Acting on a tip, officers went to a local hotel where they arrested Schlensker on an outstanding parole warrant. Officers searched Schlensker's room and found 330 grams of methamphetamine and a loaded semi-automatic pistol.

Leticia Aguirre Tyrell, 36, Tucson, Az: pleaded guilty in federal court to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. During an investigation into meth trafficking, officers arrested Tyrell, who admitted to making trips to Billings to earn money. During a search of her vehicle, investigators discovered about 10

pounds of meth in one large package in the rear passenger seat. Ten pounds of meth is the equivalent of about 36,240 doses.

Rhye Temple, 24, Billings: charged in state District Court with multiple felonies, including assault with a weapon; arrested on numerous warrants after a SWAT team responded to carry out his arrest, which required placing a neighborhood under lockdown and evacuating residents from their homes for four hours. Temple is suspected in a series of thefts, with more than 30 victims, and of possessing numerous stolen firearms which he traded for drugs.

Sonny Reese, 29, Billings: charged in state District Court with robbery. Reese is accused of following an elderly victim from an ATM machine, entering her garage while she was parking and threatening to kill her with a knife unless she give him all the money in her purse. Reese is accused of fleeing with the victim's wallet.

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