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MEDIA RELEASE

Sheriff's Special Investigations Group Arrest Drug Trafficker, Seize Two Firearms

The Lake County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Group concluded a narcotics investigation which resulted in the arrest of a drug dealer and the seizure of two firearms.

On April 27, 2021, following the investigation, members of the Sheriff's Special Investigations Group obtained an arrest warrant for Sincere D. Geertz, 20, of the 0-100 block of North Park Avenue, Waukegan.

The arrest warrant was for:

- Two counts of unlawful delivery of MDMA (class X felonies)
- Two counts of unlawful possession of MDMA (class 1 felonies)
- One count of delivery of a controlled substance (class 1 felony)
- One count of unlawful possession of a controlled substance (class 4 felony)

A Lake County Judge authorized the warrant and set bond at \$350,000.00.

On May 3, 2021, at approximately 2:45 p.m., members of the Sheriff's Special Investigations Unit and Waukegan Police Gang Investigation Unit set up surveillance in an area Geertz was expected to be. Geertz arrived in a vehicle and was taken into custody without incident. While being arrested, Geertz was found to be in possession of a semi-automatic pistol.

A search of the vehicle Geertz' arrived in revealed a second semi-automatic pistol along with 13 pills of Ecstasy (MDMA) packaged for sale.

After hearing the facts and circumstances surrounding the arrest, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office also approved the following charges for Geertz:

Aggravated unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon (class 2 felony)

Unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver (class 1 felony)

Geertz remains held in the Lake County Jail on \$500,000.00 bail. He is next due in court on May 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, “In less than two weeks our Special Investigations Group successfully apprehended two drug traffickers and seized three firearms. I am very proud of the efforts of this unit and the hard work of our entire staff to keep the Lake County community safe.”

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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