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Two Men Arrested in Contraband Investigation Involving a Drone

Atlanta, GA – Two men, Richard Redding and Jeffrey Jenkins, have been arrested in connection with a suspected attempt to deliver contraband to the Fulton County Jail using a drone. They are being held at the Fulton County Jail without bond.

On the evening of April 1, 2025, investigators received a tip of a drone flying in the vicinity of the jail. Investigators identified a vehicle parked at a dead-end residential street adjacent to the jail that appeared to be out of place. A search warrant executed on the vehicle led to the discovery of a drone, complete with controller and case, a large quantity of marijuana, multiple pills including suspected oxycodone, 48 packs of cigarettes, over 100 loose cigarettes, paracord, plastic packaging, and nine cell phones.

As a result, the two men in the vehicle were arrested and charged with the following:

Richard Redding:

- Conspiracy to commit a felony, 1 count
- Trafficking in illegal drugs, 1 count
- Criminal attempt to commit a felony, 1 count
- Possession of tools for commission of a crime, 2 counts
- Possession of controlled substance in schedule III, IV or V, 1 count
- VGCSA – Possession of controlled substance in schedule I or II with intent to distribute, 2 counts
- Possession of prohibited items by inmate or providing prohibited items to inmate, 1 count
- Purchase, possession, manufacture, distribution, or sale of marijuana, 1 count
- Knowingly driving motor vehicle on suspended, canceled, or revoked registration, 1 count

Jeffrey Jenkins:

- Conspiracy to commit a felony, 1 count
- Trafficking in illegal drugs, 1 count
- Criminal attempt to commit a felony, 1 count
- Possession of tools for commission of a crime, 2 counts
- Possession of controlled substance in schedule III, IV or V, 1 count
- VGCSA – Possession of controlled substance in schedule I or II with intent to distribute, 2 counts
- Possession of prohibited items by inmate or providing prohibited items to inmate, 1 count
- Purchase, possession, manufacture, distribution, or sale of marijuana, 1 count

Last weekend, a package containing McDonald's chicken sandwiches and suspected oxycodone was found tangled in the concertina wire on the jail's perimeter. The packaging from this incident is similar to, if not the same, as the packaging from this latest incident, leading investigators to believe the two incidents may be related.

"We are combating technology with technology alongside good old-fashioned detective work," said Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat. "I want to commend the teamwork and communication of all investigators and officers involved. Our team remains vigilant in investigating contraband smuggling operations to prevent these dangerous items entering the jail. We will continue to pursue those who threaten the safety and security of our facilities."

The Fulton County Sheriff's Office is committed to maintaining the integrity of the jail and ensuring that illegal contraband does not compromise the safety of our residents, our team, or the public. If anyone has information about a crime, including someone attempting to smuggle contraband into the Fulton County Jail and wants to report it anonymously, they can submit a tip through the Crime Stoppers platform. If the tip leads to an arrest, the tipster may be eligible for up to a \$5,000 reward. NO REPORTS, NO COURT, NO NAMES. A tip can be submitted by calling 404-577-TIPS(8477), texting CSGA to 738477, downloading the P3 Tips mobile app, or submitting a tip through the website at www.crimestoppersatlanta.org.

ABOUT THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: The mission of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office is Service; through laser-focused efforts to protect the citizens of Fulton County with coordinated law enforcement operations, special strategic teams, and community outreach methods. The Sheriff's Office is constitutionally responsible for the security of all courtrooms, executing arrest warrants, and serving civil papers. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for the administration and operation of the Fulton County Jail.

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