Tiffin man arrested in drug bust

A Tiffin man was arrested following the execution of a drug-related search warrant Monday.

Seneca County Drug Task Force's METRICH Enforcement Unit, Tiffin Police Department and Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation executed the search warrant at 248 Second Ave., the residence of John M. Fonseca-Beck, 31.

The search unveiled a firearm, cash, suspected fentanyl, prescription pills, suspected psilocybin mushrooms, suspected crack cocaine, suspected cocaine and other items indicative of drug trafficking, according to a press release.



Fonseca-Beck was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, a fifth-degree felony due to the amount recovered and having a weapon under disability, a third-degree felony.

Additional charges of possession of criminal tools, trafficking in methamphetamine, tracking in fentanyl, trafficking in cocaine and trafficking in a schedule 2 controlled substance are pending lab results after the drug investigation concludes.

"The task force and the Tiffin Police Department had been receiving an enormous amount of drug intelligence from our road patrol officers and citizens' complaints addressing drug activity at this specific residence," Tiffin Police Chief David Pauly said. "This operation and the teamwork that went into it shows that we stand as a united front against drugs in Seneca County."

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