

Two Charged with Meth Possession

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On January 9, 2013, detectives from the Watauga County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division conducted a vehicle interdiction stop and seized approximately 3 grams of methamphetamine from Baxter Smith James, 69, of 135 Long Street, Boone, NC 28607. James was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of an Open Container/Malt Beverage. The driver of the vehicle, Robin Van Shook, 59, of Foscoe, was also charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of an Open Container/Malt Beverage, and Displaying a Fictitious Registration Plate.

Both James and Shook were held under a \$3,000 secured bond and are scheduled to appear in District Court on February 26, 2013.

James is currently facing charges of PWIMSD Methamphetamine, Possession of a Firearm by Felon, Maintaining a Dwelling CS (F), and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia from a search warrant which was executed on October 5, 2012 in which detectives seized 23 grams of methamphetamine.