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Lake City Man Arrested Again... And Again

Michael Rodney Sharp, 41, of Bolin Road in Lake City, was arrested by investigators with the Sheriff's Special Operations Unit on another charge of sale of a controlled substance on Friday, June 5, after an indictment was returned by an Anderson County Grand Jury. He posted a \$50,000.00 bond the following day. This indictment came after a continuing investigation by the Special Operations Unit. Sharp had been arrested in August 2007 on drug charges and in March of 2008 on theft offenses as a result of this ongoing investigation.

Michael Sharp was arrested again today by the U.S. Marshals Service on charges of violating his federal pretrial release. Deputies with the Marshals Service along with agents of the Smoky Mountain Fugitive Task Force arrested Sharp at his home on Bolin Road.

Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) had charged Sharp in October of 2007 on federal weapons charges. At that time, he was arrested by the ATF for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. These charges came after several weapons were seized during a raid on his home in August 2007 where drugs, stolen property, and weapons were found.

Michael Sharp had been released on supervised pretrial release after a detention hearing in U.S. District Court in Knoxville. The latest arrest on the drug charge violated the conditions of his release.



Michael Rodney Sharp
W/M 08/23/1967 (41)
164 Bolin Road
Lake City, TN

No additional details can be released at this time.

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