

Drug crimes earn prison for Atchison man

(KAIR)--An Atchison man will spend more than a decade behind bars, sentenced this week “for convictions that arose out of two separate drug distribution cases.”

That- according to a release from Atchison County Attorney Sheri Becker, with the release explaining that 37-year-old Marquette Jones was sentenced in Atchison County District Court this week to 16 and a-half-years of incarceration.

The crimes include a traffic stop in January, 2020 that led police to discover a substantial quantity of marijuana, cocaine, and a handgun.

That traffic stop, made by the Atchison County Sheriff- Office, led to charges for Jones, including possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute, and criminal use of weapons.

While Jones was free on bond, the release says he was spotted September 16, 2020 by Atchison Police when speeding on a motorcycle. Jones refused to stop for police, leading first to a vehicle pursuit, and then one on foot, during which time the release notes Jones discarded a backpack, later found by police. Inside were items including methamphetamine and fentanyl tablets.

Jones was charged with possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute, possession of fentanyl with the intent to distribute, and fleeing/eluding law enforcement.

Jones plead guilty to all charges in October.

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