



Morgantown Police Department

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“Traffic Stop Leads to Numerous Charges”

At approximately 12:30 pm on February 3, 2016, a Morgantown Police Officer conducted a traffic stop with a 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt on Monongahela Boulevard for an expired registration plate. The Officer encountered Sampson Lee BUNNELL, 25 years of age of Morgantown.

A check of BUNNELL’s driver’s license revealed that his driving privileges were revoked for unpaid citations and DUI. As the Officer attempted to arrest BUNNELL for the misdemeanor driving offenses, BUNNELL attempted to flee from the officer and engaged in a physical confrontation in order to avoid arrest. During the physical altercation the Officer’s radio, uniform and other equipment were damaged and the Officer sustained minor bruises and abrasions.

Following BUNNELL’s arrest he was found to be in possession of cocaine and marijuana. BUNNELL has been charged with Driving while license suspended (DUI and non-DUI), Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana, Obstructing, Fleeing, Expired Registration, No Insurance and Injury to Property. BUNNELL was processed and is pending arraignment.

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The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating crime in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a “Partner in Policing” by reporting suspected criminal activity to the Morgantown Police Department at (304) 284-7522. Call 911 if you need immediate police attention or a crime is in progress.