

## **Tupelo Police Department**

## **Press Release**

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## Felony Drug Charges Filed and Firearm Seized

On 10-10-2022 North Mississippi Narcotics Unit Agents initiated a traffic stop in the area of North Green and North Spring Street. Driver Michael Antwan Rupert (31 years of age, of Tupelo) was found to be in possession of approximately 50 grams of alleged marijuana, 16 dosage units of alleged MDMA (ecstasy), digital scales and a handgun. Rupert was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute and possession of MDMA with the intent to distribute. Rupert's charges will be enhanced due to the presence of a firearm.

At the time of this latest arrest Rupert was under criminal indictment for possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute with a firearm and possession of MDMA with the intent to distribute with a firearm stemming from a 2021 arrest.

On 10-11-2022 Tupelo Municipal Court Judge Weir ordered him held without bond on the new charges. These new charges will be presented to the Lee County Grand Jury.



Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact TPD at 662-841-6491, <u>tpdrecords@tupeloms.gov</u> or Crime Stoppers of Northeast Mississippi at 1-800-773-TIPS.