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A Muddy Situation Leads to Arrest

Creston, N.C. - Sheriff B. Phil Howell announces the arrest of 30-year-old Derrick Hal Bledsoe of Todd NC.

On March 4th, 2023, Ashe County Communications received a call in regards to a residential breaking and entering. Deputy Jacob Bledsoe with the Ashe County Sheriff's office responded to the call. While en route he noticed a vehicle matching the description off the side of the road stuck in a grassy marsh. The truck was partially sunken and had damp mud strewn throughout the roadway. Deputies noticed a male subject walking in the roadway who told the deputies he had run out of gas, indicating that was his truck. Deputy J. Bledsoe noticed various household items on the flatbed of the truck and began to question the subject about the break-in that they were responding to. Along with the stolen items deputies found drugs and drug paraphernalia in the subject's truck.



The deputies were able to return the stolen goods to the proper homeowner.

Derrick Bledsoe, 30 years old of Todd NC, was transported to the Ashe County Detention Center, where he was booked on the following charges.



- Felony Breaking and Entering
- Felony Larceny after Break/Enter
- Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance
- Simple Possession Schedule III Controlled Substance
- Simple Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance
- Possess Drug Paraphernalia
- Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia

Derrick Bledsoe was booked under a \$25,000 secured bond and later released

