



# ASHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF B. PHIL HOWELL

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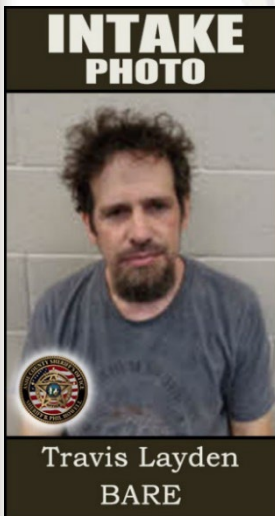
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## Probation Search Leads to Drug Charges.

Jefferson, N.C. – Sheriff B. Phil Howell announces the arrest of 46-year-old Travis Layden Bare of Jefferson, NC.

On May 24<sup>th</sup> 2023, Ashe County Sheriff's Office Deputy Baldwin assisted N.C. State Bureau of Investigation and Federal Probation Officers with probation search at the home of Travis Bare. Sgt. Vogler and K9 Rhino assisted with the search inside the residence. K9 Rhino conducted an open-air sniff with a positive alert. After the search was performed, deputies discovered a baggie containing mushrooms, a green leafy substance identified as marijuana, and a baggie with a white crystal substance, later to be identified as methamphetamine. Additional evidence was submitted to the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation Crime Lab for further analysis, which may result in additional charges at a later date.



Bare was placed under arrest and transported to the Ashe County Detention Center, where he was booked on the following charges:

- Felony Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance
- Felony Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance
- Simple Possess Schedule IV Controlled Substance
- Possess Drug Paraphernalia
- Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia

Travis Bare was booked under a \$15,000 secured bond and later released.

