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Traffic Stop Ends with Methamphetamine Charges

Sheriff B. Phil Howell announces the arrest of 51-year-old Yohond Curtis McKeithan of Boomer, NC, for several methamphetamine trafficking and related charges following a joint investigation with the NCSBI.

In early 2026, Ashe County Sheriff's Office Detectives and NCSBI Agents investigated McKeithan's illegal drug activities. The investigation lasted for several weeks and yielded multiple methamphetamine seizures.



The investigation concluded with a traffic stop in the Fleetwood area on February 27, 2026, when Ashe County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Greene, K9 Deputy Johnson, and Deputy Retezatu stopped McKeithan for registration and equipment violations. K9 Condor performed an open-air sniff and positively alerted on McKeithan's SUV. After a search of the vehicle, Deputies found approximately 251 grams of methamphetamine and \$2,293 in cash. A juvenile was also present in the vehicle.

During the investigation, a total of 431.2 grams of methamphetamine and \$2,293 of U.S. currency were seized.



Yohond Curtis McKeithan of Boomer, NC, was arrested and is being held in Wilkes County Detention Center under a secured \$1,000,000 bond and charged with the following offenses:

- 6 Counts of Trafficking Methamphetamine 28-200 grams
- 2 Counts Trafficking in Methamphetamine, 200-400 grams
- Conspiracy to Sell Methamphetamine
- Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver Methamphetamine

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