

Carteret County Man Busted for Trafficking Prescription Drugs from Florida

Cedar Point

On 9-30-2011 Detectives from the Carteret County Sheriff's Office and the Jacksonville Police Department arrested Ian Christopher Bell, 31, of 100 Lighthouse Lane Apartment D-2 Cedar Point, NC. Bell was the target of a joint investigation conducted by the Carteret County Sheriff's Office, Jacksonville and Miami Police Departments for Trafficking in prescription pills from Florida to North Carolina where Bell would sell the pills in Carteret and Onslow counties. Detectives were informed by the Miami Police Department that they had intercepted a package that was being mailed from Florida to Carteret County by Bell. The package contained a large quantity of prescription pills that Bell had obtained from pain clinics in Florida. Detectives served a search warrant on Bell's residence subsequent to conducting an undercover purchase from Bell at his home. The search resulted in the seizure of 108 Percocet 30 mg. Detectives also uncovered evidence of Bell's previous trips to Florida as well as multiple prescriptions that had been written to Bell from various pain clinics in Florida. Bell was arrested by Sheriff's Deputies and charged with the following charges.

1 Count Trafficking by Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

2 Counts of Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance

2 Counts Sell and Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance

2 Counts of Maintaining a Dwelling

Bell was placed in the Carteret County Jail under a \$150,000.00 secured bond.

Sheriff Asa Buck thanked the officers from the Jacksonville, NC and Miami, Florida Police Departments for "their fine work and assistance with the investigation".

