



## VANDERBURGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

# NEWS RELEASE

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### Warrant Arrest

The Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office and the United States Marshals Fugitive Task Force have arrested **Damien Ritter**, on a felony Vanderburgh County warrant for Manufacturing Methamphetamine.

Ritter, allegedly, had made statements to sources that warranted the recent preventative and prudent measures taken by the Evansville-Vanderburgh County School Corporation at Perry Heights and West Terrace schools

The warrant for Ritter was issued following an incident investigated by the Evansville Police Department on September 18<sup>th</sup>. A suspected meth lab was discovered by officers following a complaint at 2103 West Indiana Street. Ritter was present and reportedly swallowed a quantity of narcotics. He was transported to an area hospital and released to their care.

A warrant was issued on September 20<sup>th</sup> and the Sheriff's Office and the United States Marshals Fugitive Task Force began a search for Ritter as he had walked away from the hospital. Earlier this evening, Sheriff's Deputies from Vanderburgh and Posey County, Deputy U.S. Marshals and the Indiana State, located Ritter in a Posey County residence near the Vanderburgh County line. The arrest team took Ritter into custody at that location without incident.

A female companion, Niki Long, was also arrested on an outstanding Vanderburgh County warrant for obstruction of justice. Long was also present at the initial meth incident. She too was transported to an area hospital and walked away following treatment.

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The Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation has been notified of the arrest.

Both Long and Ritter were transported to the Vanderburgh County Detention Center.

**Damien Ritter, 27 YOA, 241 South Barker, Evansville  
Warrant – Dealing/Manufacturing Methamphetamine Class B Felony,  
\$10,000.00 cash bond**

**Niki Long, 24 YOA, 2109 W Indiana St, Evansville  
Warrant – Obstruction of Justice Class D Felony, \$1,500.00 cash bond**

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