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Inmate Caught Trying to Bring Drugs into Putnam County Jail

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – Cookeville resident Vicky Lynn Horn, age 51, turned herself in to Putnam County Jail on Thursday in response to a court order for violation of community corrections. Putnam County Corrections Deputies Debbie Thompson and Tabitha Williams conducted the required search protocols during the booking process. Because Horn was suspected of concealing contraband, she was isolated in an observation cell.

Later that night, Corrections Deputies Melinda Scott and FTO Kathy Caves searched Horn's cell and found two small bags with more than 100 pills that were later determined to be Class II and Class IV Narcotics. Deputy Caves then asked Horn if she had any other contraband and Horn surrendered some drug paraphernalia she had hidden on her person.

"This is a serious problem for our jail, our deputies, and our community," said Sheriff Eddie Farris. "The prevailing attitude among many inmates is that there is nothing wrong with the manufacture, sale and use of drugs and they are determined to continue these illegal activities even behind bars. This places the health, safety and well-being of both deputies and other inmates at risk and will not be tolerated. Introducing contraband into the jail is a felony offense and will result in additional charges as well as extended jail terms for those individuals who attempt it."

"I am so proud of our corrections deputies," said Jail Administrator Tim Nash. "It takes diligence, determination and a tremendous amount of teamwork to keep the jail running safely and smoothly. They must be vigilant and disciplined while maintaining a humane and supportive attitude towards those individuals who are truly trying to do better. It is an incredibly difficult balance to achieve on a daily basis."

Sheriff Farris asks everyone in Putnam County to be aware of illegal drug activity and report violations to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office at (931) 528-8484 or through our anonymous drug hotline at (931) 525-METH (6384).

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