

Couple arrested on meth, child endangerment charges

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McMINNVILLE, Ore. — The five children of a McMinnville couple were taken into protective custody Wednesday after their parents were arrested on multiple charges for reckless endangerment, possession of methamphetamine, and endangering the welfare of a minor, police reported.

(left) William James Duncan, (right) Tracy Ann Duncan — YCCF photos According to a news release issued by the McMinnville Police Department, while on traffic duty Officer Mike LaRue noticed that five children, ranging in age from 5-to 10-years-old, were unrestrained in the back seat of a vehicle driven by one of the parents. LaRue stopped the vehicle near the Paragon Motel at 2065 S. Highway 99W.

Following an investigation and a search of the vehicle and a motel room the suspects had rented, William Duncan and Tracy Duncan, residents of 1428 NW 6th Street in McMinnville, were taken into custody and lodged at the Yamhill County Correctional Facility.

Police said they discovered controlled substances in both the vehicle and the motel room.

The children were placed into protective custody by the Department of Human Services (DHS).

William James Duncan was charged with a dozen crimes including five counts each of reckless endangerment and endangering the welfare of a minor, and two counts of unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

Tracy Ann Duncan was charged with five counts of endangering the welfare of a minor, and two counts of meth possession.

McMinnville Police were assisted by "YCINT", a multi agency narcotics team, comprised of members of the McMinnville Police Department, Newberg-Dundee Police Department, Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, and the Oregon State Police. Also assisting in the investigation were Child Protective Service workers from DHS.

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