



Indiana State Prison
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In photo: Bridgette Piercefield

Indianapolis Woman Arrested for Alleged Trafficking at Indiana State Prison

On March 13 2017, Correctional Police Officers from the Indiana Department of Correction arrested Bridgette Piercefield, 29, of Indianapolis, Indiana on a warrant issued by the La Porte County Superior Court for a charge of Trafficking with an Offender, a Level 5 Felony.

Indiana State Prison staff discovered that a package mailed to an offender at the maximum security facility in Michigan City contained contraband cell phones. The package was intercepted and after a formal investigation conducted by the Indiana Department of Correction's Department of Investigation and Intelligence, it is alleged that the package was mailed by Ms. Piercefield, and was addressed to Offender Tyson Keplinger.

Piercefield was taken into custody at her Indianapolis residence without incident.

Tyson Keplinger 33, of Fort Wayne is serving concurrent forty year sentences from Huntington County on convictions for Attempted Murder and Conspiracy to Commit Murder. His earliest projected release date is April 8, 2049.

Trafficking with an Offender as a Level 5 Felony is punishable by imprisonment of up to eight years and up to a \$10,000.00 fine. The charge is currently an allegation and Ms. Piercefield is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Departments assisting in the investigation and arrest were The Indiana State Police, The Indiana Department of Correction Office of Investigations and Intelligence, and parole staff from the Indianapolis Office.

Indiana State Prison Superintendent Ron Neal stated, “Due to the hard work and diligence of our Investigative and Intelligence Staff this person was taken off of the streets and will no longer be able to continue to traffic with offenders at multiple facilities across Indiana”.

About the Indiana State Prison: Built in 1860, The Indiana State Prison is the oldest correctional facility in the Indiana Department of Correction. The Indiana State Prison is located on 100 acres of land on Michigan City’s west side. The physical plant consists of 51 buildings, which include 13 offender-housing units, steam plant, garage, warehouse, industries buildings, and 5 staff housing units. The walled compound surrounds 24 acres of land. Located on the same grounds outside the wall is a medium/minimum security unit.



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