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Four Arrested in Bribery Investigation

Four Somerset residents are in jail after an investigation into the bribery of a public official in Somerset.

On Monday, June 7th, at about 8:45 AM, Eddy F. Montgomery, the Commonwealth's Attorney for the 28th Judicial Circuit for Pulaski, Rockcastle, and Lincoln Counties, was approached by a man outside his office at 126 South Main Street.

The man, later identified as Everett Hyden, age 64, of Somerset, offered Montgomery \$20,000 for the release of Brandon Compton, who was convicted of drug trafficking in 2006 and 2009 in Pulaski County.

Immediately after the encounter, Montgomery notified the Somerset Police Department.

Several phone conversations were conducted between Montgomery and Hyden, and recorded by SPD detectives.

Hyden and Montgomery met outside the Commonwealth Attorney's Office on Wednesday morning, June 9th to discuss further plans to exchange the money.

Then, at about 4 PM Wednesday afternoon, Hyden approached Montgomery in his parking lot and handed him a brown paper bag containing cash.

The total was determined to be \$20,000 in cash.

Hyden was taken into custody after an interview this morning at the police department.

Noble Hampton, age 63, his daughter Virginia "Carol" Hampton, age 44, and Walter Creekmore, age 62, all of Somerset, were taken into custody at the police department after being interviewed.

Noble Hampton is Brandon's Compton grandfather. Carol Hampton is Brandon's mother.

A fifth individual, Darmus "Bubby" Dalton, age 44, has indicated an interest in turning himself into authorities, according to attorney. Dalton is Carol Hampton's boyfriend.

All were lodged in the Pulaski County Detention Center and charged with Bribery of a Public Servant, a class C felony. If convicted, the penalty is five to ten years.



Noble Hampton



Virginia Carol Hampton



Everett Hyden



Walter Creekmore



Darmus "Bubby" Dalton