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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A Doddridge County man stands convicted of two felony counts of Failure to Provide Sexual Offender Registration Information to the West Virginia State Police after a bench trial on April 6, 2023 in the Circuit Court of Doddridge County, before the Honorable Judge Timothy Sweeney.

Richard R. Powell, acting as his own counsel, requested the bench trial and waived his jury trial.

The State of West Virginia was represented by Doddridge County Prosecuting Attorney, L. Elizabeth "Betsy" Coffey. The charges were filed by Sergeant J. R. Barker of the West Virginia State Police after Mr. Powell failed to disclose an additional cellular phone number when updating his sexual offender registration information, as required by WV State Code, in two separate incidents.

Powell remains on bond pending a sentencing hearing, which will be held on July 11, 2023.