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Marion hot dog vendor, two others arrested on suspicion of drug trafficking

Marion County

Marion police have arrested three people, including the owner of a local hot dog stand, on suspicion of drug trafficking.

Local law enforcement served search warrants at two Marion residences Thursday, where officers say they found suspected drugs with an estimated street value of \$18,500, according to a press release issued by the METRICH-MARMET Drug Task Force.

Officers arrested Illya M. Green, 43, Salena N. Glenn, 43, and Kevin S. Swift, 34, all of Marion, on suspicion of trafficking in heroin and cocaine.

Green owns Royal Dogs, a hot dog stand at the Marion Centre mall.



Illya Green Salina Glenn Kevin Swift

Formal criminal charges are pending, the release says.

In all, officers seized 150 grams of suspected crack cocaine, 20 grams of suspected heroin, a few dozen Oxycodone pills, 60 grams of marijuana and \$2,000 in cash, the press release alleges.

Officers with warrants searched a house in the 200 block of West Columbia Street around 10:30 a.m.



The METRICH-MARMET Drug Task Force seized suspected drugs and about \$2,000 cash during searches Thursday of two Marion residences. The task force carried out the searches as part of an investigation into a Marion hot dog business owner.

Thursday, as well as an apartment in the 800 block of Kibby Drive around 12:15 p.m. Thursday, according to the release.

Officers sought the warrants during an investigation into the Royal Dogs' owner, the release says.

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43 drug trafficking suspects arrested during raids Richland County

Forty-three people were indicted in federal court for their suspected roles in two separate conspiracies to sell large amounts of drugs in the Mansfield area.

Twenty-three people were charged in a 42-count indictment with conspiracy to possess intent to distribute fentanyl, heroin, oxycodone and marijuana and other charges, according to Justin E. Herdman, the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio.

Law enforcement officials gathered at 11 a.m. Friday for a press conference to announce the arrests, which began with drug raids at 6 a.m. Thursday in the Mansfield area and in Detroit.

Eric Smith, special agent in charge of the FBI Cleveland office, was among the team that took to the podium.

He said more than 200 officers from state, federal and local agencies began the raids at 6 a.m. Thursday throughout Mansfield and surrounding cities and in Detroit, Michigan, to arrest members of two separate drug trafficking organizations that have plagued the city for years.

Arrested were: Noel Mott, 43; Donald Abrams, 59; Felicia McPherson, 37; Ivan Troup, 34; Devon Troup, 27; Deshawn Dowdell, 23; Markell Boyd, 39; Dennis Carter, 47; Marcus Caldwell, 40; Terrence Sudberry, 45; Robert Boone, 24; Kristopher Herron, 47; Jason Reid, 36; William Norris, 45; Rayshaun Walker, 25; Cynthia Huffman, 22; Tessa Christy, 36; Seth Wells, 23; Miranda Hamilton, 23; Ashlie Smith, 33; Megan Moritz, 30; Taryn Ohl, 32; and Mykel Smith, 25, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office news release.

Twenty people were charged in a 61-count indictment with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute heroin, crack cocaine, cocaine and methamphetamine and other charges. They are: Juan Westberry, 38; Rashad Keith, 27; Lamar Johnson, 30; Torme Johnson, 30; Ryan Schroeder, 38; Kelly Adkins, 31; Marquis Allen, 26; Tevron Allen, 23; Anthony Balg, 38; Darryl Ballinger, 24; Kelly Burns, 30; Andrew Cotton, 32; Rory Hamm, 49; Phillip Moxley, 36; Amanda Pierce, 34; Santreas Sanks, 29; Derrick Snelling, 27; Kevin Thomas, 29; and Rachel Thompson, 34, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

All of the defendants are from the Mansfield or the nearby area except for Donald Adams, Felicia McPherson and the Troups, who are all from Detroit, Herdman said.

Approximately 36 additional people were charged with drug crimes in the Richland County Court of Common Pleas. Those names were not released but the individuals will be charged at the local level.

In the Mott indictment, the conspirators obtained heroin, fentanyl, oxycodone and marijuana from suppliers in Detroit and Mansfield, which they then sold in Mansfield. This took place between January 2016 through the present, according to the indictment.

According to the indictment, Mott, Wells, Boone, Moritz, Hamilton and Smith traveled to Detroit to obtain large quantities of oxycodone, which they redistributed in Mansfield. Mott also obtained large quantities of heroin



Birthday cake at Noel Mott's residence..

and fentanyl from Dowdell, Troup and others that he redistributed in Mansfield. Mott also obtained fentanyl and worked with other dealers to redistribute the drugs in Mansfield.

Mott is charged with possessing a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Prosecutors are seeking for forfeit 14 firearms seized as part of the investigation, according to the indictment.

Huffman helped coordinate and secure Wells to serve as a driver for oxycodone resupply runs to Detroit, according to the indictment.

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Drugs, gun and fake money seized

Huron County

Two men were arrested on drug charges after authorities raided a pair of homes in southern Huron County.

The Huron County Sheriff's Office used its Special Response Team to execute two search warrants Saturday following a month-long drug trafficking investigation.

The residents raided by the team were located at 38 W. Broadway St., Plymouth, and 8 Senior Drive, Apt. 33, Greenwich.

Inside the Plymouth home, authorities seized suspected heroin,

prescription pills, drug abuse instruments and materials used to package and sell narcotics, deputies said.

Deputies also seized a 9mm pistol and cash and recovered stolen property related to ongoing investigation by Willard police, as well as suspected counterfeit bills.

In the Greenwich apartment, deputies located suspected marijuana and drug paraphernalia resulting in misdemeanor charges against Eric Wilkinson.

John Ellis and Stephani Mosley were arrested and charged

with trafficking in heroin and possession of a controlled substance. Additional charges against these and other suspects might be filed in the near future, deputies said.

The Greenwich, Norwalk, Plymouth and Willard police departments, all part of the METRICH Drug Task Force, assisted deputies with the investigation and searches.

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Four arrested in Morrow County drug bust

Morrow County

On January 28, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of the Knox County Sheriff's Office, the Mt. Vernon Police Department, Ohio BCI&I and the Metrich Drug Task Force executed a search warrant on Squires Street in Chesterville.

Arrested at the scene on Squires Street was Ashley Simms, Melissa McGuirk, Joshua Disbennett and Brian Hamilton. All 4 individuals had outstanding warrants for their arrests.

A search of the residence pro-

duced approximately 39.5 grams of suspected meth and approximately 15.5 grams of suspected heroin. Also located inside the residence was suspected prescription medication and approximately \$1,456.00 in cash.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Knox County Sheriff's Office and the Mt. Vernon Police Department for the use of their SRT Team.

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site.

Fostoria man arrested on drug charges again

Seneca County

A Fostoria man is facing charges following a Thursday drug bust. Seneca County Drug Task Force-METRICH Enforcement Unit and Fostoria Police Department officers arrested 61-year-old Patrick Roddy following a search of his home at 734 Lynn

Street. Authorities have charged Roddy with trafficking crack cocaine.

Investigators say they found evidence of drug trafficking, cash, and criminal tools.

Roddy was already out of jail on bond for a drug-related case

stemming from last September. Fostoria Police Chief Keith Loreno says his department received several complaints about drugs sales in Roddy's home.

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Two facing drug charges in Wyandot County

Wyandot County

Two people are facing drugs charges after being arrested on warrants Tuesday in Wyandot County.

According to a release from Wyandot County Sheriff Michael Hetzel, the Wyandot County Major Crimes Unit was requested by the Ohio Adult Authority to assist in locating delinquent probationers.

Following an investigation, detectives learned that one of the two, 28 year old Andrew J. Kuenzli, of Upper Sandusky, was actively engaged in trafficking drugs. He was allegedly in posses-

sion of cocaine when he was arrested.

Detectives, who also learned that a shipment of methamphetamine was to be delivered to Upper Sandusky, located a suspect's vehicle on the east side of the city. Two ounces of methamphetamine was found in the car after a search was conducted.

30 year old Devin M. Decker, of Bucyrus, was arrested and charged with possession of methamphetamine.

Assisting the Ohio Adult Parole Authority in this investigation was the Wyandot County

Major Crimes Unit, which includes detectives from the Wyandot County Sheriff's Office, the Upper Sandusky Police Department, the Carey Police Department and an investigator from the Wyandot County Prosecutor's Office. The Wyandot County Major Crimes Unit is a member of the METRICH Enforcement Unit.

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Three arrested in Tiffin drug bust

Seneca County

On Wednesday, January 2, 2019, the Seneca County Drug Task Force-METRICH Enforcement Unit, along with additional Officers/Detectives from the Tiffin Police Department & Seneca County Sheriff's Office, executed a drug related search warrant on a vehicle in Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio.

The warrant, signed by Judge Jay Meyer of the Seneca County Common Pleas Court – Juvenile Division, unveiled US Currency, large amount of suspected Crack Cocaine & Criminal Tools.

The Tiffin Police Department's & the Seneca County Sheriff's Office's patrol division were utilized to execute the search warrant safely & effectively on the vehicle once it was stopped.

Dalvon Ray Coffey, 32 YOA (Toledo, Ohio) was arrested for Trafficking Crack Cocaine, a Fel-

ony of the Fifth Degree; Melinda De La Rosa, 37 YOA (Toledo, Ohio) was arrested for Permitting Drug Abuse, a Felony of the Fifth Degree; and Michael R. Carter, 36 YOA (Tiffin, Ohio) was arrested for Trafficking Crack Cocaine, a Felony of the Fifth Degree.

All three were transported to the Seneca County Correctional Facility & are being held pending further prosecution. Additional charges of Trafficking Crack Cocaine, Trafficking Heroin & Possession of Criminal Tools are all pending on Coffey and Carter upon the conclusion of the entire drug investigation & the return of the lab analysis of the substances involved in the investigation.

The Task Force was receiving complaints of suspected Drug Trafficking going on from a residence in Tiffin, Ohio, which began the investigation into the suspects. According to the Task

Force, this is an "ongoing" investigation into the distribution of Crack Cocaine & Heroin out of Toledo, Ohio. The suspects were traveling from Toledo to Tiffin to distribute their illicit drugs and authorities were able to disrupt their criminal activity.

"It appears that 2019 will be no different than any other year, which is to send a strong message to those who choose to come into our community and try to peddle their drugs, that it will not be tolerated in this community!" Chief Fred Stevens, Tiffin Police Department said.

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Traffic stop leads to discovery of drugs and cash at man's house

Ashland County

Ashland Police made a routine traffic stop on Claremont Avenue Sunday night that led officers to a residence on Sandusky Street, where a bulk amount of high-grade marijuana and a large sum of cash were seized, according to a news release from Ashland police.

Robert Kircher, 23, a resident of the 400 block of Sandusky Street, was arrested on a felony charge of drug trafficking, according to Ashland police Det. Curt Dorsey.

Ashland police officers and de-

tectives assigned to the METRICH Drug Task Force were called and a search warrant was signed by Ashland Municipal Court Judge John Good.

During the search, a felony bulk amount of high-grade marijuana was seized as well as nearly \$18,000 in cash. Also seized was a sizable amount of suspected "dabs," a high concentration of the active ingredient in marijuana, THC. Officers also collected evidence related to drug trafficking, according to Ashland police.



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In the Westberry indictment, the defendant conspired together between 2015 and the present to obtain large amounts of heroin, crack cocaine, cocaine and methamphetamine to sell in the Mansfield area. Westberry obtained heroin, which he distributed to Keith, Lamar Johnson, Torme Johnson, Schroeder and Garrison, who in turn sold the heroin to other customers, according to the indictment.

Keith and Lamar Johnson obtained heroin, crack cocaine, methamphetamine and cocaine, which they then sold to other dealers, who distributed the drugs in the Mansfield area, according to the indictment.

Members of the conspiracy operated drug houses at locations on Rembrandt Street, Helen Avenue, Dunbilt Court, Bowman Street and West Third Street in Mansfield and Eckstein Road in Crestline for the purpose of storing and distributing the drugs, according to the indictment.



"These two groups sold a wide array of dangerous drugs in and around Mansfield, including fentanyl, heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine," Herdman said. "These cases are a great example of law enforcement working together to arrest dangerous people and help make Mansfield a safer community."

These cases were investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mansfield Police Department, Richland County Sheriff's Office, METRICH Drug Task Force and Ohio Highway Patrol.

Smith asked media to enlist the community's help in identifying and safely locating the other individuals and bring them to jus-

tice. He asked the public to call local law enforcement agencies and the FBI.

A lot of these drug trafficking organizations get taken down by simple tips from the community members, Coontz said.

A large poster in front of the podium showed mug shots of both men and women with the "Captured" stamp across those who were brought into custody Thursday,

"As the FBI already alluded to earlier, we already know who we're going after next," he said last year following a drug raid. "If you are a drug dealer inside Richland County, I highly suggest you start moving out of town very rapidly. You may be on our list next, and that list is already started."

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'Large supplier of illegal drugs' nabbed

Huron County

Two people are facing felony drug charges after authorities raided a Bellevue residence this week. One of the suspects is accused of buying drugs through the Internet and having them shipped to his home. Authorities consider him a "large supplier of illegal drugs" in this area.

On Tuesday, Huron County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob T. Frost, 27, and Lawrence A. Straub, 80, after executing a search warrant at their home at 617 Dewey St.

Frost is being held in the Huron County Jail, unable to post a \$150,000 bond. He charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance and one count of tampering with evidence — all third-degree felonies.

Straub is charged with conspiracy to possess illegal drugs. He was not listed as a inmate on the jail roster as of Friday morning.

Detectives from Sheriff Todd Corbin's office and the Norwalk

Police Department began an investigation in August after receiving information Frost was purchasing illegal narcotics through the Internet and having them shipped to his residence through the U.S. mail, deputies said. A suspicious package was intercepted by law enforcement, which lead to the search warrant at Frost's residence.

Upon execution of the search warrant, Frost was found to be in possession of nearly eight times the bulk amount of suspected methamphetamine, deputies said. The suspected narcotics will be sent to the crime lab for testing, deputies said.

"Throughout the investigation, Frost was identified by multiple sources as being a large supplier of illegal drugs to the Norwalk, Bellevue and surrounding communities. Additional charges are expected in the near future," sheriff's Detective Sgt. Ted Evans said in a press release announcing

the arrests.

Deputies were assisted during the investigation and search warrant by the Norwalk Police Department, Willard Police Department, Bellevue Police Department, Huron County Prosecutor's Office, Erie County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Postal Service Inspectors.

The Huron County Sheriff's Office and Norwalk, Bellevue and Willard police departments are part of METRICH Enforcement Unit, a 10-county drug task force.

"The Huron County Sheriff's Office would like to thank all the agencies involved," Evans said. "This joint investigation is a great example of what collaboration accomplishes."

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Search warrant executed as part of meth ring investigation

Seneca County

Officials executed a drug-related search warrant today as part of an investigation into a methamphetamine ring stemming from Akron and into Seneca County.

Seneca County Drug Task Force-METRICH Enforcement Unit, with additional officers and agents from Sandusky County Drug Task Force, Seneca County Sheriff's Office and Tiffin Police Department, executed a drug-related search warrant on a vehicle and residence of Pamela S. Reilly, Lewis A. Reilly and Adam L. Barto at 55 E. New Haven St.

Barto 32, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for trafficking in a Schedule I controlled substance, a release states.

Kelli M. Swartz, 27, of Fremont, was taken into custody on an active warrant through Sandusky County. Louis Reilly, 52, was taken into custody on an active warrant through Crawford County and was charged with tampering with evidence.

Matthew J. Childers, 18, of Bellevue, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, the release states.



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Marion drug bust yields 60 grams of suspected heroin, \$600 cash *Marion County*

A Marion man was arrested Monday after officers say 60 grams of suspected heroin was found in the east side of the city.

Members of the METRICH-MARMET Drug Task Force also seized \$600 in cash and a loaded 9mm handgun after obtaining a search warrant for a house in the 100 block of Sargent Street, according to a Monday press release from the Marion Police Department.

The release says the bust was the result of a two-month long investigation by the drug task force. It ended with the arrest of Ryan Stevens, 37, on suspicion of having weapons under disability and possessing heroin, both felony offenses.

Stevens is currently being held at the Multi-County Correctional Center, according to online court

records and formal charges have been sent to the Marion County Prosecutor's office, according to the release.

The Marion Police Department, the Marion County Sheriff's Office and Marion County Children Services were also called to the scene, according to the release.

It follows a drug bust that occurred in the northwest side of the city earlier this month.

Officers say that 47 grams of suspected methamphetamine and a firearm was seized after a search warrant was obtained for a house in the 500 block of Universal Avenue on Feb. 13.

Lynnette Snider, 42, was arrested following a month-long investigation into the suspected sell of the stimulant, according to the Monday afternoon press re-



lease.

Snider was transported to the Multi-County Correctional Center on suspicion of having weapons under disability and possessing methamphetamine, both felony offenses, according to the release.

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Parcel destined for Mansfield containing cocaine intercepted *Richland County*

A parcel containing cocaine destined for Mansfield was intercepted by the U.S Postal Inspection Service.

On February 7th, 2019 the U.S Postal Inspection Service Cleveland Field Office notified the METRICH Enforcement Unit that a parcel containing approximately 1.59 pounds of cocaine was intercepted by their office.

The parcel was destined for the City of Mansfield.

On February 8th, 2019 the METRICH Enforcement Unit and the U.S Postal Inspectors assisted the Mansfield Division of Police to 222 Penn Avenue in Mansfield. After the delivery, METRICH detectives arrested Herbert Taylor and Akili Lutalo Roberts and charged them with Possession of

Cocaine and Trafficking in Drugs. Taylor and Roberts have been incarcerated at the Richland County Jail pending their appearance in Court.

The investigation into the source of cocaine is still ongoing and further charges may be forwarded to the Richland County Prosecutors Office once the investigation is complete.

The cocaine was mailed from California.

METRICH Commander Lt. Joseph D. Petrycki stated that collaboration between the federal law enforcement agencies and the METRICH Enforcement Unit continues to have a positive impact in removing illegal drugs from coming into the Mansfield, Richland County Communities.



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METRICH (Metro-Richland County) Enforcement Unit is a ten county law enforcement task force created to address multi-jurisdictional violators of Ohio's drug, weapons, and organized crime statutes. The project operates with a basic "Community Policing Philosophy" using a "Weed and Seed Strategy" from ten "de-centralized" offices.

Participating agencies: Ashland, Crawford, Hancock, Huron, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, Wyandot County Sheriff's Offices and Prosecutors Offices; Ashland, Loudonville, Bucyrus, Crestline, Galion, Findlay, Bellevue, Greenwich, Monroeville, New London, Norwalk, Plymouth, Wakeman, Willard, Danville, Fredericktown, Mt. Vernon, Marion, Cardington, Mt. Gilead, Bellville, Butler, Lexington, Mansfield, Ontario, Shelby, Fostoria, Tiffin, Carey, Upper Sandusky Police Departments; Ohio State Highway Patrol; Ohio Department of Public Safety; BCI&I, Ohio State Board of Pharmacy; FBI; ATF; DEA; IRS.

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