

Willard police, METRICH execute search warrant at residence on Walton Avenue

Officers from the Willard Police Department, the Norwalk Police Department and deputies from the Huron County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant last week at an address on US 224.

According to Capt. Robert McLaughlin of the sheriff's office, the search warrant was executed at a mobile home on Walton Avenue, the home of a 25 year old. During the search, officers seized two loaded weapons, marijuana paraphernalia, prescription pills and 35.98 grams of powder cocaine.

"We found a .25 automatic and a.357 magnum," McLaughlin said. "They were both in the master bedroom and both were loaded."

The search was the result of an investigation conducted by the Huron County METRICH Unit, McLaughlin said. Possession of powdered cocaine is a felony of the third degree.

This investigation centered around the 25 year old resident at that location and his associates who were brining cocaine and marijuana into Willard, McLaughlin pointed out.

"He's responsible for getting drugs up from Texas to Willard," McLaughlin said. "I'd say he's a major player."

Reports from the search warrant and copies of the drug analysis which was conducted by the Mansfield Police Department laboratory were given to the Willard law director, according to McLaughlin.

The joint investigation involving the Willard Police Department and METRICH has been going on for six to seven months, McLaughlin pointed out.

Charges were expected to be filed against several persons he added.

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