

# PRESS RELEASE

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## **MARMET SEARCH WARRANT**

On 01/26/09, at approximately 2:30 pm detectives with the MARMET-METRICH Drug Task Force served a search warrant at 699 Wilson Avenue. The search warrant was a result of a three month drug investigation by the drug task force.

Steven J. Cottrell, 23 years old of 699 Wilson Avenue was arrested for three counts of trafficking drugs, two fourth degree felonies and one fifth degree felony. Cottrell was transported to the Multi-County Correctional Center. A female resident was questioned and released and charges of trafficking in drugs, both fourth degree felonies will be forwarded to the prosecutor's office on the female.

All drugs that were sold by these subjects were prescription medications such as Morphine, Percocet, and Klonopin. Detectives located one hundred and sixteen Morphine pills at the residence. Also located were around one hundred various types of prescription pills. The street value of the prescription pills recovered is approximately \$1,000.

The MARMET-METRICH Drug Task Force detectives were assisted by additional officers and detectives from both the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Marion City Police Department. The Marion County Dog Warden also responded and assisted by removing a Pitt Bull from the residence.

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