

PRESS RELEASE

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MARMET TRAFFIC STOP NETS GUNS AND DRUGS

On 02/02/09, at approximately 5pm the MARMET-METRICH Drug Task Force was working an investigation in the 2100 block of Marion Mt. Gilead Rd. As a result the task force conducted a traffic stop in the 1000 block of Bermuda Drive on a vehicle seen leaving the area of Marion Mt. Gilead Rd.

After further investigation two hand guns were located in the vehicle, a Beretta 9mm and a Beretta 40 caliber. Two subjects were arrested and transported to the Multi-County Correctional Center. Robert C. Baker, 27, of 182 Wallace Street Marion, Ohio was arrested for Carrying a Concealed Weapon, a fourth degree felony, Weapons Under Disability, a third degree felony, Tampering With Evidence, a third degree felony, and Illegal Conveyance of Drugs into a Detention Facility, a third degree felony. After Baker was taken to the Multi-County Correctional Center it was found he had 18.9 grams of crack cocaine concealed in a body cavity which was recovered. The cocaine recovered has a street value of \$1,900.00

Also arrested from the vehicle, was 47 year old, Keith Washington of 367 Patterson Street. Washington was arrested for Carrying a Concealed Weapon, a fourth degree felony and Tampering With Evidence, a third degree felony. Three other subjects in the vehicle were questioned and released.

METRICH is a ten county decentralized task force in North Central Ohio whose mission is to improve the quality of life for the citizens we serve by reducing the availability of illegal drugs and weapons through proactive enforcement efforts. The success of METRICH is a tribute to the cooperation and support within the Law Enforcement Community in the METRICH region and to those citizens who have chosen to improve the quality of life in their communities by assisting METRICH in reporting suspicious activity and valuable information.

Citizens may report suspicious activity to the crime hot lines at:
1-800-589-DARE and www.METRICH.com

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