

Three arrested with meth chemicals

Findlay police arrested three West Virginia residents on Monday after drug-manufacturing chemicals were found in a car in front of Wal-Mart, 2500 Tiffin Ave.

Police initially stopped the car while investigating a shoplifting incident reported at the Kroger store, 1996 Tiffin Ave., at 11:49 a.m.

In searching the car, officers found “chemicals and/or ingredients used in the manufacture of methamphetamine,” police said.

Sgt. Randy Digby said several police officers and firefighters came to secure the area, which was blocked with yellow tape. The east entrance to Wal-Mart, near where the car was stopped, also was blocked with yellow tape.

The Hancock METRICH drug unit was summoned to the scene. The unit was assisted by the Findlay Fire Department and Eagle Environmental.

Chemicals used in making methamphetamine are poisonous to breathe or swallow and are flammable, Digby said.

Arrested were Larry D. Lacy, 48, and Cynthia J. Overbee, 43, both of St. Albans, W.Va.; and Mark A. West, 33, of Liberty, W.Va. They were charged with illegal possession of chemicals for the manufacture of drugs, a third-degree felony.

Lacy also was charged with petty theft, a first-degree misdemeanor, in connection with the Kroger shoplifting incident.

All three were being held Monday night in the Hancock County jail.

A Findlay man, Benjamin G. Thomas, 22, was arrested on an obstruction of official business charge, and was then released.

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