

PRESS RELEASE

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MARMET DRUG ARREST

On 03/18/09 around 1400hrs the MARMET-METRICH Drug Task Force made a traffic stop of a 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass at Quarry and North Greenwood Street following a drug trafficking investigation. The MARMET-METRICH Detectives were looking for a male suspect who was in the vehicle.

Detectives asked the suspect to comply with them and get out of the vehicle and he would not comply with their requests. The suspect, 29 year old Michael E. Collins of 566 Henry Street Marion, Ohio was taken into custody after a brief struggle. Collins was transported to the Multi-County Correctional Center and was being held on charges of Trafficking in Cocaine, a fourth degree felony and Resisting Arrest, a second degree misdemeanor.

The driver, Chimere R. Brownridge, 29 years old of 6040 South Harper Avenue Apt. 409, Chicago, Illinois was arrested for Driving under Suspension, a first degree misdemeanor and was taken to the Multi County Correctional Center. Charges of Trafficking in Cocaine will be submitted to the Marion County Prosecutor's Office on Brownridge for review. There was another male occupant of the vehicle who was questioned and released at the scene.

The MARMET-METRICH Drug Task Force is a joint task force of detectives from the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Marion City Police Department. Anyone wishing to report drug activity are asked to contact the task force at (740) 383-3505 or by contacting the TIPS line at (740) 375-TIPS (8477). Callers can remain anonymous when calling.

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