PRESS RELEASE

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"Marion Police SRT Team raids 140 N. Vine St."

Members of the Marion Police Department Investigations Division executed a search warrant at 140 N. Vine Street. They were assisted by members of the Marion Police Department Special Response Team, The Marion County Sheriff's Office, the MARMET/METRICH Drug Task Force and the Marion County Dog Warden.

Officers seized 10.2 grams of suspected crack cocaine, 18 Xanax pills, $1,821.00 in US Currency and other miscellaneous property.

Arrested out of this investigation was: Francis Huffman
140 N. Vine St.
Marion, Ohio 43302
08/05/1976

Charges: Possession of Cocaine, Trafficking in Cocaine, Tampering with Evidence

A Pit Bull was shot during the execution of the warrant. It escaped the residence and the wounded dog acted aggressively towards other people in the neighborhood. St. Mary's Elementary School was asked to keep its students inside until the dog was found to protect them from possible harm. The dog was eventually found and had to be destroyed due to its injuries.

This search warrant was directly attributable to the information gathered by the Marion County Law Enforcement TIPS Line. The information was invaluable in this case and has led to a successful investigation into this residence and its occupants. The Marion Police Department urges the citizens of Marion County to continue to provide information to the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Marion Police Department through the TIPS at 375-TIPS.

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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