

PRESS RELEASE

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LARUE SEARCH WARRANT & ARREST

On May 6, 2009, at 12:04pm MARMET-METRICH Drug Task Force detectives served a search warrant at 41 South Front Street in Larue, Ohio concluding a drug investigation. Detectives located 18.5 grams of marijuana at this location and drug paraphernalia. Detectives also located and seized six guns from this location, one handgun and five long guns. The two female's residents of this residence were questioned and released. Charges on one of the females will be forwarded to the municipal court and there will be no charges on the other female.

A male was also located at this residence and it was found he lived at 61 Vine Street in Larue, Ohio and a search of his residence was conducted also. At 61 Vine Street detectives located 45.7 grams of marijuana and 165 various prescription narcotics which included Alza, Vicodin, Morphine, Methadone, and Flexeral. The male was identified as 47 year old Demorris Brown. Brown was arrested and transported to the Multi County Correctional Center for aggravated possession of drugs, a fourth degree felony and trafficking drugs, a fifth degree felony.

The street value of the marijuana is \$350.00 and the street value of the prescription narcotics is \$1,100. The MARMET-METRICH Drug Task Force was assisted by additional deputies from the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

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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