

# PRESS RELEASE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **MARMET SEARCH WARRANT**

On May 21, 2009 at 2:14pm The MARMET-METRICH Drug Task Force conducted a search warrant at 471 Smith Street in Marion, Ohio. The search warrant concluded a drug investigation involving this residence and subjects residing at this residence.

Adam J. White, 24 years old, 132 East Columbia Street Marion, Ohio was arrested for possession of heroin, a fifth degree felony and possession of drug paraphernalia a fourth degree misdemeanor.

Ryan K. Nelson, 24 years old, 471 Smith Street Marion, Ohio was arrested for trafficking heroin a fourth degree felony, possession of heroin a fifth degree felony, having weapons under disability a third degree felony, and two counts of child endangering both first degree misdemeanors.

Roger L. Lark, 44 years old, 471 Smith Street Marion, Ohio was arrested for permitting drug abuse a fifth degree felony. White, Nelson, and Lark were all transported to the Multi County Correctional Center. A female residing at the residence was questioned and released and charges of possession of heroin a fifth degree felony, trafficking heroin a fourth degree felony and two counts of child endangering both first degree misdemeanors will be forwarded to the prosecutor's office on the female resident.

Through the search detectives located approximately \$1800 in cash, two stolen semi-automatic handguns, 2.4 grams of marijuana with a street value of \$50.00 and 33 balloons of heroin with a street value of \$1000.00. Marion County Children Services also responded to the residence due to two children ages 7 and 4 being at the residence. The two handguns were found to be stolen out of a burglary in Marion City and a burglary in Marion County. The investigation regarding the handguns continues.

The MARMET-METRICH Drug Task Force is made up of detectives from both the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Marion City Police Department. The task force was assisted on this date by additional detectives, Children Services, and members of the Marion City Police Special Response Team. Anyone wishing to report drug activity can contact the task force at (740) 383-3505 or by calling the Crime Tips Line at (740) 375-TIPS(8477). Callers can remain anonymous when calling.

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](http://www.METRICH.com)**

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