

PRESS RELEASE

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MARIJUANA SEIZURE AND ARREST

On August 24, 2009, around 8:30 pm in the 1800 block of Marion Mt. Gilead Road, the MARMET-METRICH Drug Task Force assisted by an additional deputy from the Sheriff's Office concluded an ongoing drug investigation. As a result of the drug investigation the task force detectives seized 2,507 grams of marijuana with a street value of approximately \$9,000. A 1997 Ford Econoline van was seized as well as \$1,374.00 dollars of suspected drug money.

Three individuals were arrested and taken to the Multi-County Correctional Center. Arrested were 33 year old Kirby Johnson of 4658 Rockwood Road, Cleveland, for Drug Trafficking, a third degree felony and a probation violation out of Cuyahoga County. Bryant Jackson, 21 years old, of 4256 East 164th Street, Cleveland, was arrested for Drug Trafficking, a third degree felony. Also arrested was 52 year old Nathan Smith of 15106 Edgewood Avenue, Cleveland, for Complicity to Drug Trafficking, a third degree felony.

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. Anyone wishing to report drug activity can contact the MARMET-METRICH Drug Task Force (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**

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