

PRESS RELEASE

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Search Warrant Concludes Drug Investigation

Detectives from the MARMET/METRICH Enforcement Unit executed a search warrant at the address of 569 E. Church Street at 5:07 P.M. on October 8, 2009.

With the assistance of officers from the Marion Police Department, a traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle in the 370 block of E. Center Street. Allen Creagh, age 29 of 569 E. Church Street, was arrested in the vehicle as the result of a weeks long drug investigation conducted by the MARMET/METRICH Enforcement Unit.

A search warrant was obtained independent of the traffic stop for Creagh's residence on E. Church Street, and was served shortly after 5 P.M. MARMET/METRICH Detectives located heroin inside the residence, as well as paraphernalia indicative of drug trafficking. \$999 in cash was also seized from Creagh and another passenger in the traffic stop. Creagh was arrested on two counts of Trafficking in Heroin, and one count of Possession of Heroin. These charges will be forwarded to the Marion County Prosecutor's Office for formal charges on Friday. This is the second felony heroin case presented on Creagh in the last two months.

"MARMET Detectives have worked multiple hours on this case stemming largely from TIPSLINE complaints", said Lt. B.J. Gruber, unit supervisor of the MARMET/METRICH Enforcement Unit. "This location is a short distance from our public library and we are pleased that as of today, this location will be closed for business", added Gruber.

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.

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