

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TASK FORCE EXECUTES SEARCH WARRANTS AND MAKES ARRESTS

The MARMET Drug Task Force conducted an investigation recently that led to a series of arrests and a search warrant being executed at 499 Delaware Ave. At 499 Delaware Ave., MARMET detectives, along with detectives from the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Marion Police Department served a search warrant on 11/18/09. Crack Cocaine was located during the search. Arrested out of this investigation on 11/18/09 were:

Cara Hoffman
499 Delaware Ave.
01/11/85
3 counts trafficking in crack cocaine (1 F-3, 2 F-4), 1 count possession of crack cocaine (F-4) with a specification of drug trafficking while a child was present.

Raymond McDuffie
499 Delaware Ave
02/18/81
1 count parole violation

Also arrested out of this investigation were:

Kaliq Pyles
Cleveland, Ohio
11/13/81
3 counts of trafficking in crack cocaine (all F-4), with a specification of drug trafficking while a child was present
Arrested on 11/18/09

Avery Johnson
230 Wallace St
09/05/80
3 counts of trafficking in crack cocaine (1 F-4, 2 F-5)
Arrested on 11/18/09

In a separate investigation, the Marion Police Department Special Response Team assisted MARMET and detectives from the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Marion Police Department in serving a search warrant at 201 E. George St. on 11/20/09.

Arrested out of this investigation were:

Todd Smith
201 E. George St.
07/06/77
2 counts of trafficking in heroin

Cassandra Miniard
201 E. George St.
10/20/83
2 counts of trafficking in heroin

MARMET would like to encourage the citizens of Marion County to continue to utilize the TIPS Line (375-TIPS / 375-8477) to report criminal activity. These tips can be made anonymously. Tips can also be given to the Marion County Sheriff's Office by calling 382-8244 or the Marion Police Department at 387-2525. Information given on criminal activity is invaluable in combating the illegal drug problem in our county and law enforcement is very appreciative of all of the information received since the inception of the TIPS Line.

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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