

3 arrested in Marion drug raids

MARION - Drug detectives served three search warrants that netted three arrests and seizure of a small amount of drugs.

The MARMET Drug Task Force served warrants at 188 Elk St., 860 Silver St., and 295 Rose Ave. through the day Tuesday, with assistance from additional officers from the police department and the sheriff's office, according to a press release from Maj. Aaron Corwin, a unit supervisor.

Arrested at the Elk Street address was Casey J. Taylor, 35, who was a resident there. Taylor was arrested on charges of possession of drugs, a fifth-degree felony, and two warrants for nonsupport of dependents.

Richard L. Aldridge, 48, was arrested at his home on Silver Street, on charges of possession of drugs and trafficking drugs, both fifth-degree felonies. He also was charged with tampering with evidence, a third-degree felony.

The third person arrested was Jason M. Hindman, 31, of 773 W. Center St., on the same charges as Aldridge.

Other people were questioned and released by officers, and further charges could be filed against them.

Detectives seized 62 pills during the searches, including Suboxone, Xanax and hydrochloride pills. Officers also found one ounce of marijuana, 5.5 grams of heroin, and \$1,323 in suspected drug money.

MARMET received tips from area residents about these addresses, Corwin said.

The drug task force is made up of detectives from the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Marion City Police Department.

Anyone wishing to report drug activity may contact the task force at 740-383-3505 or by calling the Marion Law Enforcement Crime Tips Line at 740-375-TIPS (8477). Callers may remain anonymous.

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