

Three arrested as METRICH raids 2 houses

A METRICH Enforcement Unit raid Friday has resulted in the arrest of three local residents on charges of drug trafficking along with guns, drugs, cash and stolen goods.

Search warrants were executed simultaneously at 178 N. Mulberry St. and 151 Boughton Ave. as a result of complaints of drug trafficking and stolen property at both residences, according to Mansfield police Lt. Ken Coontz.

Upon searching the residence at 178 N. Mulberry St., officer seized a Mossburg .410-shotgun, a K-Mart Corp. 12-gauge shotgun, a Black Conn. Valley rifle and approximately \$10,000 in stolen property, according to the news release.

Upon searching the residence at 151 Boughton Ave., officers located and seized \$2,138, approximately 375 prescription drugs, a .22-rifle, a shotgun and approximately \$15,000 in stolen property.

Darrell Keith Taylor, 151 Boughton Ave., was charged with drug trafficking, a second-degree felony, and two counts of drug trafficking, each third-degree felonies.

Crystal Taylor, 151 Boughton Ave., was charged with two counts of drug trafficking, each a fourth-degree felony. And Charles Brock, 151 Boughton Ave., was charged with two counts of drug trafficking, each a felony of the fourth degree. Further charges will be sought, police said.

The operation was the result of citizen complaints to local law enforcement, which started a six-month investigation.

METRICH was assisted by the Mansfield Police Department and its detective bureau. Mansfield Municipal Court Judge Frank Ardis authorized the search warrants, police said.

METRICH is a 10-county decentralized task force in north central Ohio whose mission is to improve the quality of life for citizens by reducing the availability of illegal drugs and weapons through proactive enforcement efforts.

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