

METRICH search warrant nets three arrests

Three people were arrested after METRICH searched a Woodland area house Friday.

Anthony Jones, 29, of 348 Abbeyfeale Road, was arrested on a charge of possession of heroin.

Tara Brent, 23, of 619 Bowman St., was charged with possession of crack cocaine, and James Jones, 27, of 619 Bowman St., was charged with a probation violation.

The search warrant was issued by Municipal Court Judge Jerry Ault based on an investigation conducted by METRICH Enforcement Unit, in cooperation with the Mansfield Police Department, Ohio Highway Patrol and ASORT.

The investigation involved the trafficking of heroin coming into the Mansfield community from Detroit, Mich.

Officers seized cash, a loaded 9-millimeter Ruger handgun, a Hi-Point 40-caliber rifle, heroin, crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

Detective Perry Wheeler said Jones was creating an increased concern for the community as the investigation revealed that heroin was being mixed with a bath salt drug known as MDPVP

Lt. Ken Coontz said the arrests were significant in combatting the heroin problem in Richland County.

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