

## **Parcel Destined For Mansfield Containing Cocaine Intercepted**

A parcel containing cocaine destined for Mansfield was intercepted by the U.S Postal Inspection Service.

On February 7th, 2019 the U.S Postal Inspection Service Cleveland Field Office notified the METRICH Enforcement Unit that a parcel containing approximately 1.59 pounds of cocaine was intercepted by their office.

The parcel was destined for the City of Mansfield.

On February 8th, 2019 the METRICH Enforcement Unit and the U.S Postal Inspectors assisted the Mansfield Division of Police to 222 Penn Avenue in Mansfield.

After the delivery, METRICH detectives arrested Herbert Taylor and Akili Lutalo Roberts and charged them with Possession of Cocaine and Trafficking in Drugs.

Taylor and Roberts have been incarcerated at the Richland County Jail pending their appearance in Court.

The investigation into the source of cocaine is still ongoing and further charges may be forwarded to the Richland County Prosecutors Office once the investigation is complete.

The cocaine was mailed from California.

METRICH Commander Lt. Joseph D. Petrycki stated that collaboration between the federal law enforcement agencies and the METRICH Enforcement Unit continues to have a positive impact in removing illegal drugs from coming into the Mansfield, Richland County Communities.

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