

## **METRICH drug sweep leads to 67 indictments**

A drug sweep in Richland County last month led to 67 individuals being indicted by a grand jury, according to a Monday afternoon press release by METRICH Sgt. Steve Blust.

The press release stated that on Aug. 31, the METRICH Enforcement Unit with assistance from the U.S. Marshal's Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force (NOVFTF), Richland County Sheriff's Department and the Mansfield Division of Police conducted a large scale drug sweep.

Blust said METRICH detectives presented cases to the Richland County Prosecutors Office. The 67 individuals were indicted by the Richland County Grand Jury on 318 counts of drug trafficking and other drug-related charges.

There was also a search warrant served at 1095 Koogle Road, rooms 132 and 133, Mansfield. As a result, authorities seized approximately 3.5 grams of suspected Methamphetamine, 3 grams of suspected heroin, and other drug-related evidence.

METRICH Sgt. Steve Blust stated the collaboration between the Richland County law enforcement agencies and the METRICH Enforcement Unit continues to have a positive impact on removing illegal drugs coming into the Mansfield, Richland County communities.

The METRICH Enforcement Unit will continue to target those individuals who engage in trafficking drugs and use all available resources to assist in removing illegal drugs from Mansfield/Richland County.

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