



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



MULTI-STATE DRUG TRAFFICKING ARRESTS

November 5, 2014 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil and Rushville Indiana Police Chief Craig Tucker announce the arrests of seven individuals on November 4, 2014, after a 6 month investigation into a multi-state drug trafficking organization. During this investigation, Rushville Detectives and Agents from the Regional Narcotics Unit (RENU) developed information about a group of individuals selling heroin and cocaine in the Cincinnati Area. Additionally, the investigation revealed monies received from the sale of the drugs were routinely transported to Rushville Indiana, where it was eventually transferred to members of the organization in California. As a result of the evidence collected during this investigation involving this drug trafficking and money laundering organization, officers from the Regional Narcotics Unit and the Rushville, Indiana Police Department, assisted by the Indiana State Police and the Cincinnati Police Department Safe Streets Unit, conducted the following enforcement action on November 4, 2014:

Rushville, Indiana officers, assisted by the Indiana State Police and the Shelby County, Indiana Sheriff's Office, arrested 6 individuals when they arrived in Rushville with a large amount of U.S. Currency.

At the same time Agents with the Regional Narcotics Unit, with the assistance of the Cincinnati Police Safe Streets Unit, conducted searches at eight locations in the Greater Cincinnati area.

RENU Agents identified a Colerain Township apartment as the local organization's primary distribution point for heroin and cocaine. Agents searched the apartment, located in the 3300 block of West Galbraith in Colerain Township and recovered multiple pounds of heroin and cocaine, along with U.S. Currency and a hand gun.

Agents determined local members of the organization used this Colerain Township apartment as the primary location for drug trafficking operations. Local organization members used this location to not only store and distribute multi-pound quantities of

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heroin and cocaine, but also to store U.S. Currency received from the sale of drugs, before it was eventually transported to Rushville Indiana.

As a result of the joint investigation, Rushville Detectives and RENU Agents seized approximately 6.5 pounds of heroin along with 4.2 pounds of cocaine, a large amount of U.S. Currency, 4 vehicles, electronic items, as well as 6 handguns and 1 shotgun.

The investigation determined that this Cincinnati drug trafficking organization was responsible for distributing approximately 106 pounds of heroin and cocaine throughout the Tri-State area during the past eight months.

The street value of the drugs seized is approximately \$740,000.

The following individual was arrested in Hamilton County, Ohio:

Brian Shephard Sr., age 50, of 3326 West Galbraith, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Shephard Sr. was charged with the following: two counts of Drug Trafficking, two counts of Possession of Drugs, and one count of Having Weapons Under Disability. Mr. Shephard Sr. is currently on Federal Parole from a previous drug conviction. He is currently being held at the Hamilton County Justice Center on a five million dollar bond.

The following individuals were arrested in Rushville, Indiana:

Brian Shephard Jr., age 22, of #12 Lake Shore Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Shephard Jr. is charged with Money Laundering under the Indiana Corrupt Business Influence Statute, a level five Felony offense.

Larry Harris, age 67, of 2500 Fleetwood Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Harris is charged with Money Laundering under the Indiana Corrupt Business Influence Statute, a level five Felony offense.

Alfonzo Sullen, age 56, of 3434 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Sullen is charged with Money Laundering under the Indiana Corrupt Business Influence Statute, a level five Felony offense.

Ion (John) Barnett, age 51, of 1490 Dudley Walk, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Barnett is charged with Money Laundering under the Indiana Corrupt Business Influence Statute, a level five Felony offense.

Kareem Allateef, age 22, at 1270 Chamberlain Ave. Lincoln Heights, Ohio. Mr. Harris is charged with Money Laundering under the Indiana Corrupt Business Influence Statute, a level five Felony offense.

Stacie Jenkins, age 47, at 420 Lakeview Drive Wilder, Kentucky. Mr. Jenkins is charged with Money Laundering under the Indiana Corrupt Business Influence Statute, a level five Felony offense.

All law enforcement agencies involved in this investigation continue to collect evidence regarding additional members of this organization.

Attached are photographs of the heroin and cocaine seized during this investigation, along with photographs of the defendants.



Cocaine 4.2 pounds



Heroin 6.5 pounds



Brian Shepard Sr.



Larry Harris



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