



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



REGIONAL NARCOTICS UNIT

Cincinnati, Ohio; Sheriff Jim Neil reports an arrest of an individual after 3 month investigation into heroin trafficking from Cincinnati, Ohio into the Batesville and Ripley County Indiana area. Investigators with the Batesville Police Department along with the Prosecutor Ric Hertel of Ripley County Indiana, and Agents with The Hamilton County Sheriff Regional Narcotics Unit (RENU) initiated an investigation into heroin trafficking occurring in Indiana. Indiana and Ohio Agents identified the source of the heroin as a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. RENU Agents along with Batesville, Indiana detectives arrested Brandon Thompson of 5975 Waldway, Cincinnati, Ohio today and executed a search warrant at his residence. Agents recovered approximately 300 grams of heroin as well as a Sig Sauer semi-automatic hand gun and U.S. currency.

The heroin recovered today will be sent to the Hamilton Coroner's Office for analysis to determine whether any of this heroin may contain either fentanyl or carfentanil. If there are additional controlled substances determined to be in this heroin then additional charges will be presented to the Hamilton County Grand Jury for their consideration.

Brandon Thompson is being charged with both Drug Abuse and Trafficking in Heroin as well as Weapons Under Disability in Hamilton County.

Prosecutor Ric Hertel of Ripley County Indiana has also initiated prosecution and arrest warrants have been signed against Brandon Thompson for his involvement in the sale of heroin to residents in Ripley County Indiana.

Sheriff Jim Neil and Prosecutor Ric Hertel of Ripley County, Indiana have seen the destructive effects of heroin in their communities and have combined their resources to identify and prosecute those individuals who are distributing heroin not only in Cincinnati but across the state lines to Indiana.

This case is unique in that both jurisdictions are going to prosecute Brandon Thompson for various parts of this joint investigation which if convicted of all counts in both states

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of Ohio and Indiana could result in incarceration of eleven years in Hamilton County and 40 years in Indiana.

Cincinnati heroin traffickers are responsible for distributing heroin in Ohio counties surrounding Hamilton County as well as Indiana and Kentucky thus joint prosecutions, when appropriate, may result in longer prison terms for those convicted of heroin trafficking.



Brandon Thompson



5975 Waldway Cincinnati, Ohio

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