



## Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

# MEDIA RELEASE



## REGIONAL NARCOTICS UNIT

Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports the arrest of 10 individuals in the last two days, involved in three separate investigations by Agents of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Regional Narcotics Unit.

On 11/23/2016 Agents executed a search Warrant in Woodlawn and Cincinnati District 5 after a 4 month long investigation and arrested Sean Powers age 49, of 93 Bishopsgate, Sean Mosley age 28 and Derius Hemphill age 28 both of 717 Beechwood. Agents also arrested Aaron Kelly 35 Circle Dr. Florence Ky. Agents recovered almost a pound of cocaine and a small amount of heroin along with three handguns and approximately 13 pounds of marijuana. Agents also seized 4 vehicles and U.S. Currency.

RENU Agents also stopped and arrested Abdula Obied age 26, of Cincinnati and recovered approximately 6 pounds of marijuana. The seizure of the marijuana occurred after a traffic stop and canine alert with the Regional Narcotics Highway Interdiction Officers.

In another investigation RENU Agents arrested Austin Hartzel of 420 Ludlow, in Cincinnati in possession of approximately 6 pounds of High Grade marijuana. Agents then searched three locations in Clifton and Walnut Hills. During these searches Agents recovered 181 pounds of marijuana. The investigation determined that the marijuana was being shipped to Cincinnati through the United States Priority Mail Service from California and the West Coast. The marijuana seized was High Grade marijuana that sells for \$2800 a pound or almost 300 dollars an ounce. Retail value of the marijuana seized is approximately \$890,000.00. Agents also seized a handgun from Austin when he was arrested and a shotgun at one of the locations in Walnut Hills.

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On Thanksgiving Day RENU Agents working Highway Interdiction stopped a conversion Van on I 75 at Hopple. A canine alerted on the van and Agents located and seized approximately 159 pounds of marijuana. Agents arrested Brandon Johnson age 31, of 519 Geness, Eric Chapman age 25, 1637 Lockhurst, Ashley Stewart age 23, of 2317 Nottingham and Tacara Randolph age 21 of 4003 President Drive. The investigation determined that the 4 subjects drove to Houston, Texas picked up the marijuana and then drove it back to Cincinnati in their conversion Van. The street value of this marijuana was approximately \$381,000.

All of the individuals were transported to the Hamilton County Justice Center where they were arraigned in Room A on 11/25/2016.