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PRESS RELEASE

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BEDFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE'S VICE UNIT **MAKE ARREST IN CONNECTION WITH HIGHLY DANGEROUS MOBILE** **METHAMPHETAMINES LAB**

Bedford - Sheriff Mike Brown provides the following information:

Vice Investigators with the Bedford County Sheriff's Office have arrested a male and female who were in possession of a mobile Methamphetamines lab.

On January 7, 2011, Vice Investigators received information from Roanoke County Police Department about a subject wanted in their jurisdiction for an outstanding warrant for Possession of Methamphetamines. Roanoke County Detectives advised they had a possible location of the subject on Quarterwood Road in Bedford County. Investigators were able to locate the address and during the stake-out/surveillance of the location observed a subject matching the description of the wanted subject leaving the residence in a white Dodge truck. Investigators executed a traffic stop on the vehicle and arrested the Tracy E. Ayers and James E. Meadow. A search was conducted on the vehicle and narcotics were found, along with items used in the manufacturing of Methamphetamines. The Virginia State Police assisted in the seizure of the lab and the chemicals associated with the manufacture of the illegal substance (note photo of technician holding a can of Drano...used in the mixture of the meth product).

This investigation is still ongoing and further charges are pending.

This release was held because of security precautions associated with the investigation

Arrested:

Tracy E. Ayers, 2890 Riverview Road, Roanoke, 7/28/1974

Charges:

1 count: Possession of Controlled Substance with the Intent to distribute.

1 count : Distribution of a Controlled Substance

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1 count of Manufacture of a Controlled Substance

James E. Meador, 2534 Quarterwood Road, Bedford, 9/21/1962

Charges:

1 count : Possession of Controlled Substance with the Intent to Distribute

The sheriff's office is beginning to see an increase in Meth manufacture, use and sale in the Bedford County area. A possible explanation is the aggressive enforcement efforts of our law enforcement associates in the western part of the state. Their efforts send the "meth wave" eastward and our efforts, hopefully, will continue the push of these criminals eastward and eventually they will end up in the Atlantic Ocean.

The reason for our concern is that Meth is highly addictive and is called a "double whammy" drug. When using methamphetamine, the user feels energetic and powerful, but a "crash" inevitably follows the "high". In order to avoid or counteract the crash, the user takes more meth. Tolerance develops rapidly, often leading to addiction in a relatively short time.

Methamphetamine, also known as "speed," "crank," "crystal," or "ice" is a powerful central nervous system stimulant. It can be snorted, smoked, injected or ingested by mouth. The color and texture of meth can vary; most commonly it is usually white or slightly yellow in a crystal-like powder or rock-like chunks. Methamphetamine is a central nervous system stimulant. Use results in increased heart rate, increased blood pressure, elevated temperature and wakefulness. These effects can last 8 – 24 hours.

If you have information on crimes in the County of Bedford please contact the Sheriff's Office at 540-586-7827

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