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Upper Level Jamaican Drug Dealer Arrested

Bedford County Sheriff's Narcotics Investigators, after a lengthy investigation, arrested a Bedford County man on Wednesday October 5, 2011 on drug and gun charges. The arrest is the result of an on going narcotics investigation with agents from **Homeland Security, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Virginia State Police, Roanoke City Police Department and the Bedford County Sheriff's Office.**

On Wednesday, the Bedford County Sheriff's Office TACT Team executed a search warrant at the home of Aston Earl McCrea (Jamaican Nationalist) located at 3764 Spradlin Road in Goodview. Investigator found drugs, guns and a large amount of cash in the residence. Aston, age 50, was taken into custody and was charged with possession of greater than five pounds of marijuana (57 lbs. to be exact) with the intent to distribute and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The street value of the illegal drugs is approximately \$128,000.00. To be more exact, and in a description that almost anyone can visualize, this amount of marijuana would equal approximately **17,000 "joints"**... marijuana cigarettes that would be peddled to our youth in Bedford County.

This investigation is on going with more arrests expected.

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