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### **MAJOR DRUG INVESTIGATION IN FOREST, VA AREA REAPS ARRESTS**

**Forest, Bedford County, VA** - Sheriff Mike Brown, in response to complaints from citizens and business owners in the Forest area of Bedford County, launched an undercover investigation, concentrating on juveniles and other young people reportedly utilizing business parking lots to buy and sell various drugs.

Captain Mike Miller was authorized by Sheriff Brown to deploy the BCSO Vice/Drug Enforcement Unit to further investigate these complaints.

The BCSO Vice Unit spearheaded an eight-month operation of making 'buys' of marijuana, cocaine, and prescription medications which included hydrocodone, and other narcotics in these areas of complaints. Investigators targeted those individuals who were selling drugs and narcotics to juveniles, many of which were high school students from the area.

The Sheriff is please to announce that this investigation garnered numerous arrests and also lead to the arrest of a major dealer who is responsible for distributing large amounts of marijuana in the Forest area, which ultimately landed in the hands of local high school students in Bedford County as well as in the City of Lynchburg.

Arrested on April 14, 2011 at approximately 1:00 pm at a local business parking lot in Forest, was **Andre Jordan of Lynchburg, VA**. Jordan was to meet an individual who owed him money for a large amount of marijuana he had previous fronted to be sold.

Jordan was charged with Conspiracy to Distribute Marijuana which is a class 5 felony and a class one misdemeanor for Possession of a Semi-automatic pistol that was discovered between the driver's front seat and consol of Jordan's vehicle.

Jordan is now incarcerated at the Blue Ridge Regional Jail in Bedford, VA, under a \$35,000 bond.

Sheriff Mike Brown has released the names of 16 individuals that have been arrested over the past three days on 33 warrants and Grand Jury indictments, charging these individuals for violating drug laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Parking lots seem to be a popular spot for these illegal drug transactions and have been placed on the sheriff's office "Pay particular attention to..." locations!

### **Investigation continues**

The following charges and information on the individuals who have been arrested as a result of this investigation is as follows:

#### **1. (JORDAN)**



**NAME:** Jordan, Andre, black male, 27 years old, resides in Lynchburg, VA.

**CHARGES:** (1) Conspiracy to Distribute Marijuana which carries a sentence of 1 to 10 years and a fine up to \$100,000.  
(2) Possession of a Concealed weapon which carries a sentence of 1 to 360 days in jail and a maximum fine of \$1,000.

#### **2. (FRANKLIN)**



**NAME:** FRANKLIN, Heath Lindsay , white male, 18 years old, resides in Forest, VA.

**CHARGES:** (1) one count for Distribution of Cocaine which carries a 5 to 40 year prison term and up to a maximum fine of \$500,000

**3. (LEE)**



**NAME:** LEE, Mathew Daniel, white male , 20 years old, resides in Lynchburg, VA.

**CHARGES:** (3) three counts for the Distribution of Hydrocodone with each count carries a prison term of 5 to 40 years and a maximum fine of \$500,000.

**4. (REID)**



**NAME:** REID, Marcus Cordell, black male,, 28 years old, resides in Forest, VA.

**CHARGES:** (1) one count of Distribution of Marijuana which carries a 1 to 10 year prison term and up to a \$10,000 fine.

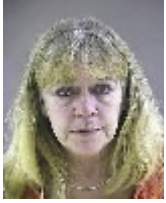
**5. (GOAD)**



**NAME:**GOAD, Hensley Dowayne, white male, 50 years old, resides in Huddleston, VA.

**CHARGES:** (1) one count of Possession with the intent to Distribute Hydrocone which carries a 5 to 40 year sentence and up to a 500,000 fine.

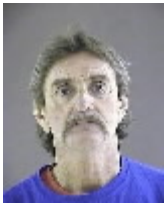
## 8. (FERGUSON)



**NAME:** FERGUSON, Rhonda Sue, white female, 51 years old, resides in Forest, VA.

**CHARGES:** (1) one count of Possession of Hydrocodone with the intent to Distribute which carries a 5 to 40 year prison term and up to a \$500,000 fine.

## 9. (POWERS)



**NAME:** POWERS, Henry Bufford, white male, 53 years old and resides in Goode, VA.

**CHARGES:** (1) one count of Manufacturing of Marijuana with the intent to Distribute with carries a 5 to 30 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

## 10. (MASSIE)



**NAME:** MASSIE, Laura Beth, white female, 19 years of age and resides in Forest,VA.

**CHARGES:** (3) Counts of selling prescription drugs all being Felonies with each count having a maximum sentence of 5 to 40 years and up to a \$500,000 per count.

**11. (ARTHUR)**



**NAME:** ARTHUR, Curtis Edward, white male, 19 years of age resides in Forest, VA.

**CHARGES:** (3) Counts of Distribution and Selling of Promazine, each count carries a jail sentence of 1 to 365 days in jail and a maximum fine of \$2,500.

**12. WYATT)**



**NAME:** WYATT, Nichols, white male, 18 years of age and resides in Evington, VA.

**CHARGES:** (1) One count of sell and distribution illegal alcohol which carries 1 to 365 days in jail and maximum fine of \$2, 500. (1) One count of selling alcohol to a person under 21 years of age which carries 1 to 365 days in jail and maximum fine up to \$2,500.

**13. (DAVIS)**



**NAME:** DAVIS, Earnest Walter, black male, 21 years of age and resides Bedford, VA.

**CHARGES:** (1) One count of Possession of Firearm by a Convicted Felon which carries a 5 year Minimum sentence in prison.

**14.(DABNEY)**



**NAME: DABNEY, Larry Darnell , black male, 31 years of age, resides in Lynchburg,VA.**

**CHARGES: (3) Three counts of Distribution of “crack” Cocaine which carries a maximum sentence of 5 to 40 years on each charge and up to a \$500,000 fine per charge.**

**15. JUVENILE (Virginia State Law does not allow for information on Juveniles to be released) Charged on Narcotic Violation.**

**16. JUVENILE (As above) Charged on Narcotic Violation.**

**THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE BE CHARGED ON NARCOTIC OR DRUG CHARGES BUT HAVE NOT BEEN PICKED UP AT THIS TIME:**

**Anyone with information as to where these individuals might be located please call your local or state agency or the Bedford County Sheriff’s Office at (540) 586-7827 or (540) 586-4800.**

**1. (PAYNE)**



**NAME: PAYNE, Timothy Robert , black male, 29 years of age, resides in Lynchburg, VA/**

**CHARGES: (3) counts of Distribution of cocaine with each count carries a sentence of 5 to 40 years and a maximum fine of \$500,000 per charge.**

## 2. (HAMLETT)



**NAME:** HAMLETT, Shanna Renee, black female, 29 years of age, resides in Lynchburg, VA.

**CHARGES:** (1) Count of Distribution of Marijuana which carries a sentence of 1 to 10 years of prison and a Maximum fine of up to \$10,000.

Sheriff Brown stated that this is an on-going investigation and he expects additional individuals will be charged in the near future.

Sheriff Brown urges anyone that may have information on the above individuals, or if you suspect anyone is selling/dealing drugs in your area, please call the Bedford County Sheriff's Office immediately.

All calls are kept in strict confidence and all valid complaints will be investigated

*Contact: Capt Mike Miller  
(540) 586-7827*

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