



JACKSON COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE



METH LAB CONSPIRACY BROKEN UP IN GRANDVIEW

In the early weeks of 2009 the JCDTF received information about a possible meth lab being operated in Grandview, MO. Detectives began an investigation and identified a probable location.

In February the detectives stopped a vehicle leaving the suspected meth lab on 151st in Grandview. One person was taken into custody. That subject was found to be in possession of approximately nine grams of what appeared to be freshly made methamphetamine. A search warrant was obtained for the residence and entry was made by the Grandview Police Department SWAT Team. A functional meth lab was found inside. JCDTF Detectives spent the next several hours cleaning the site and recovering evidence.

The investigation continued and it learned that other subjects were involved in a conspiracy to obtain chemicals, precursors and cook meth.

In April another search warrant was obtained for two residences which were side by side in a duplex structure on 141st in Grandview. These locations and occupants were believed to be associated with the conspiracy. Again, entry was made by the Grandview Police Department SWAT Team and again a meth lab was discovered inside one of the residences. In the other residence children were found inside and evidence of narcotics use by the adult occupants was found. The subject who was believed to be manufacturing the meth was not at home. He was arrested a few days later hiding at a residence in Lee's Summit.

On May 6th, following leads and acting on information, detectives obtained a search warrant for a fourth residence involved with this group. This location was on 115th street in Kansas City and entry was made by the KCMOPD Street Narcotics Unit. JCDTF Detectives were not surprised that a meth lab was found in this residence also. This lab looked as though it had been in operation for quite a while. Chemicals associated with the process were found in all areas of

the house. The actual lab was found in the garage with more chemical. The resident was taken into custody. Evidence was recovered for processing.

As of this date it appears that five or more persons were involved in this conspiracy. Evidence is being examined at the Independence Police Department Crime Lab and it is expected that federal charges will be filed on those involved.

