

Jackson County Drug Task Force Press Release



Although the mission of the Jackson County Drug Task Force is to address the narcotics problem in eastern Jackson County its work extends to providing assistance to other law enforcement agencies throughout the area. Due to having a unique combination of expertise, equipment and manpower other agencies often request the JCDTF to assist in investigations not related to narcotics violations.

In September of 2007 the Blue Springs Police Department asked the Jackson County Drug Task Force to assist them with a possible murder for hire investigation. Working together the agencies determined early in the investigation that this was a credible threat on the lives of four persons. The target of the investigation was identified and his attempt to hire a person to kill others was substantiated.

The JCDTF initiated an undercover operation in conjunction with the BSPD STAT Unit. Evidence was obtained that further implicated the suspect. The operation concluded on September 17th with his arrest in Blue Springs by the STAT team. He was subsequently charged with four counts of conspiracy to commit murder.

In May of 2008 Michael T. Worstell pled guilty to the charges. He was sentenced to 10 years confinement in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

The case was prosecuted by Tammy Dickinson of the Jackson County Prosecutors Office.

