



JACKSON COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE



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BLUE SPRINGS INVESTIGATION NETS MULTIPLE ARRESTS

On October 3, 2008 detectives from the Jackson County Drug Task Force and officers from the Blue Springs Police, MO. Department conducted a vehicle stop in Blue Springs. The driver of the vehicle was found to be in possession of methamphetamine packaged for sale, a quantity of pharmaceutical drugs and narcotics paraphernalia used for ingesting drugs. The drugs were secreted in various containers in the vehicle.

While conducting this stop the detectives noticed a suspicious vehicle that kept circling the area. Blue Springs police located and stopped the vehicle. Upon identifying the occupants it was discovered that were associates of the driver of the first vehicle. A search of this second vehicle led to the recovery of methamphetamine, marijuana and a semi-automatic pistol. One of the occupants of this vehicle was a convicted felon and by federal law is prohibited from possessing a firearm.

A search warrant was obtained for the residence of the driver of the first car. This resulted in the recovery of more methamphetamine that was packaged for sale and over 100 various pharmaceutical drugs.

On October 16, 2008 detectives were notified that a person was selling methamphetamine from a motel in Blue Springs. The detectives obtained a search warrant for the motel room. Tactical units from the Blue Springs and Independence Police Departments made entry into the room. One person inside was identified as an arrestee from the October 3rd car stops. Detectives located and seized a quantity of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, 5 cell phones, a laptop computer, a desktop computer, a semi-automatic pistol and ammunition. One of the subjects in the room was a convicted felon and by federal law is prohibited from possessing a firearm.

It is believed that several persons are involved in this conspiracy to distribute narcotics and possibly other crimes in the eastern Jackson County area.

At this time federal prosecutors are reviewing the investigation for the possible filing of federal charges against those involved.

