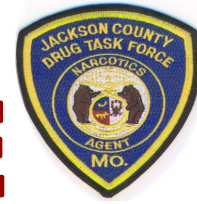




JACKSON COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE



**PRESS RELEASE
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GRAIN VALLEY SEARCH WARRANT YIELDS POSSIBLE CHILD PORN

In April of 2008 the JCDTF received information from the community that a subject in eastern Jackson County was involved in the sale of marijuana and other drugs. It was believed that the narcotics transactions were taking place in various locations around Blue Springs, MO and Grain Valley, MO. Only minimal identifiers were provided. Using various investigative techniques the purported dealer was identified, located and a full investigation was initiated.

Task Force detectives spent the next four months investigating the subject, identifying locations where sales were being conducted and identifying others who were also possibly involved.

In July of 2008 a search warrant was served on a residence in Grain Valley, MO. At that location, two suspects was taken into custody. One was found to be a convicted felon.

Detectives recovered a quantity of marijuana and a small amount of methamphetamine, one handgun and remnants of what appeared to be a meth lab.

In addition to this, several items which appeared to be child porn were also discovered. Detectives obtained a second search warrant to recover computers and hard drives which were found in a locked room of the residence.

Based on the living conditions inside the residence and due to hazards from the possible meth lab, the Grain Valley Codes Officer was notified. He responded and posted the home as uninhabitable.

Charges for violation of narcotics laws are expected to be filed on those involved.

The investigation into the possible child porn is being handled by the Grain Valley Police Department. If confirmed, federal charges are expected to be filed.

