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**VALENTINES DAY
PRESS RELEASE**



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On February 13, 2008 JCDFTF Detectives received a complaint about a possible meth lab in Independence. Because of their inherent danger an investigation was immediately initiated. The detectives, working late into the night, used a variety of investigative techniques to try to confirm the information. Eventually enough probable cause was obtained to apply for a search warrant. The warrant was issued and in the early morning hours of February 14th, **Valentines Day**, members of the Independence Police Department's SRT Unit made entry into the house. Four persons were immediately taken into custody. A search of the residence led to the discovery of methamphetamine. Also found was glassware, chemicals, unknown liquids and other items used in manufacturing meth.

One of the suspects was found to have a case pending for being caught previously manufacturing meth

JCDFTF Detectives spent the rest of the morning "cleaning" the site and recovering evidence. It was discovered that the resident

This was an unusually long day for detectives. They began on the 13th at 5:30 AM in Oak Grove serving a search warrant. Upon completion of that task they began the above investigation, worked through the night and completed most of their work around mid morning of the 14th. After taking time for a few hours of sleep they returned in the afternoon to complete prisoner interviews and other details.

Once all items have been examined by the Independence Crime Lab the case file will be forwarded to the prosecutor for possible filing of charges.

A not so happy Valentine's Day for some local meth cooks.