



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Warrants Lead to 30 Arrests in a Methamphetamine Trafficking Operation

October 16, 2015 —The Washington County Sheriff's Office, working cooperatively with many agencies, served 18 search warrants and arrested 30 individuals as part of a year-long methamphetamine investigation.

On Thursday October 15, 2015, the Washington County Westside Interagency Narcotics (WIN) Team, along with federal, state and local agencies, executed a joint search and arrest warrant operation around the metropolitan-area. The investigation began over a year ago and targeted a methamphetamine trafficking organization based in Washington County. Investigators believe the methamphetamine was transported from Mexico and distributed locally.

Investigators learned the drug-trafficking organization was widespread throughout the metropolitan-area affecting five counties. There were a total of 18 locations, including residential and commercial properties, which were part of this investigation. Of these 18 locations, 12 search warrants were executed on October 15, 2015 and two additional warrants this morning. The other four warrants were served previously.

Investigators uncovered what they believe to be a large cockfighting operation at a property in the 21400 block of SW Farmington Road. During the search warrant on October 15, 2015, investigators discovered over 1,600 chickens, most of which were used for cockfighting.

Sixty six people were investigated over the past year, of which 30 were arrested. During these search warrants and subsequent arrests, the Department of Human Services (DHS) was consulted several times concerning children in hazardous environments.

There was a vast amount of stolen property recovered from various locations including firearms and a \$3,000 bicycle.

During this investigation, there were large amounts of narcotics, firearms and cash seized to include:

- 19 firearms, of those two are confirmed stolen
- Over 26 pounds of methamphetamine
- Cocaine
- Approximately \$90,000 in cash
- Additional items pending seizure include vehicles and funds

The Washington County Sheriff's Office thanks the following agencies for their cooperation and hard work in making this investigation a success:

- Clackamas County Sheriff's Office
- Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
- Yamhill County Sheriff's Office
- Clark County Sheriff's Office
- Portland Police Bureau
- Beaverton Police Department
- Hillsboro Police Department
- Vancouver Police Department
- Tigard Police Department
- Salem Police Department
- Gresham Police Department
- Oregon Humane Society
- Department of Human Services
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Homeland Security Investigations
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Attorney's Office
- U.S. Marshals Service
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

WIN is a multiagency taskforce comprised of personnel from the police departments of Beaverton, Hillsboro, and Tigard, the Washington County Sheriff's Office, the Oregon Air National Guard, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations and the Drug Enforcement Agency. WIN is a cooperative effort working closely with other metropolitan, state, and federal agencies in the enforcement of drug laws and investigation of drug trafficking within Washington County.

