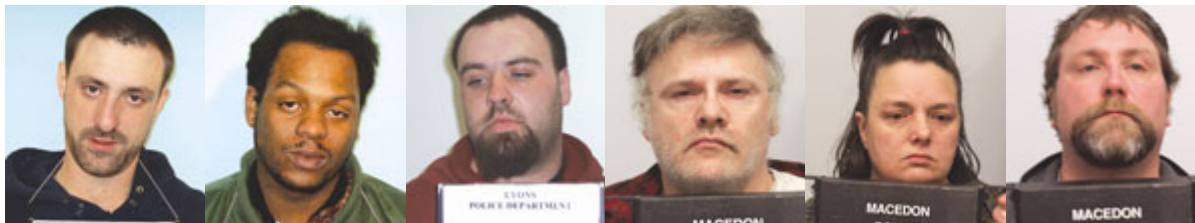


WayneNET continues drug busts in Lyons, Newark and Macedon



It was a busy week for members of WayneNET, the Wayne County inter-police agency effort to attack drug trafficking.

On Tuesday night, March 6, 2007 and into the early morning hours of March 7, Wayne Net Officers were dismantling a widespread marijuana network in Wayne County. Reacting to neighborhood concerns and reports to Wayne Net, officers began an investigation into a loosely associated group that they believe was responsible for 10 to 20 pounds of marijuana a week being distributed in Newark and Lyons. Acting on search warrants issued by Newark Village Justice Daniel Barrett and Lyons Village and Town Justice Nicolas Forjone, officers moved on locations in the Villages of Newark, Lyons and the Town of Lyons. Arrested and charged were:

John F. Plotts III, age 30 of 35 Spencer Street, Lyons, charged with Criminal Possession of Marijuana, Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia. Plotts was charged in connection with a seizure of marijuana and money at 8 Rice Street in the Village of Lyons. James J. DeJohn, age 25 of 728 South Main Street in Newark, was charged with Criminal Possession of Marijuana 3rd and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. Michael J. Kelly, age 30 of 621 South Main Street in Newark, charged with Criminal Possession of Marijuana and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. DeJohn and Kelly were charged with in connection with a seizure of marijuana and money at 728 South Main Street in Newark. Police seized between ten and fifteen pounds of marijuana, guns and over \$2000 cash.

"Neighbors had noticed activity at several locations in various communities and reported their suspicions to local police. The cooperative efforts of Wayne Net enabled investigators to connect these seemingly minor reports and identified a group of people moving pretty substantial quantities of marijuana in the member Villages of Wayne Net," according to Newark Police Chief Dick Bogan. Wayne County Probation is in the process of charging Michael Kelly with violation of probation in connection with this incident. Ironically, Mr. Kelly was sentenced to five years probation on March 1, 2007 in exchange for a guilty plea to attempted criminal sale of a controlled substance third degree. Mr. Kelly was arrested as part of the Wayne Net "Operation Cooperation" sweep in December 2006.

On Thursday, members of the Wayne County Narcotics Enforcement Team arrested three individuals at 2384 State Route 350, Lot 15, in the Meadowview Trailer Park in the Town of Macedon, following the execution of a search warrant. Arrested were David K. Soper, age 46, and Francine A. Colavito, age 43, of the above listed address. Both were charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, and Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the Second Degree. Also charged was Duane H. LeBarron, age 43, of 1809 Barnes Road, Walworth, for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree. Soper and Colavito were arraigned in the Town of Macedon Court and were remanded to the Wayne County Jail on \$5,000 cash bail. LeBarron was remanded on \$500 cash bail. Macedon Police Sergeant John Colella, supervisor of the Wayne-NET team advised that the arrested individuals are the culmination of a three-month investigation into the illegal sales of crack cocaine from the Lot # 15 address in the trailer park. "We received multiple complaints as to the amount of traffic at this location and we followed up on the complaints, leading to today's arrests. No one should be subjected to having cocaine dealers live next to them and to the blight that they bring to the neighborhood". Colella advised that several other adjacent counties assisted in the investigation, and that Soper and Colavito face additional charges relating to cocaine sales from their residence. Colella stated that the Soper trailer had no running water and sewage was backed up in the bathtub. "They were living in squalor." The occupants were heating the trailer home with a kerosene heater. The Macedon Building Inspector was immediately called and the trailer was "red tagged" prohibiting occupancy.

Members advise that anyone who would like to report drug activity anonymously can do so at Waynenet.info.