



WayneNET officers arrest 16 in “Operation Spring Clean-Up”

Newark Police Chief Richard Bogan discusses the Friday morning drug dealer round up that began at 6 a.m. and involved 36 officers. Chief Bogan, WayneNET Commander, announced on Friday morning, the arrest of sixteen individuals on drug charges in WayneNET's latest “sweep,” named “Operation Spring Clean-Up.” WayneNET was assisted in the operation by the New York State Police, New York State Division of Parole, Wayne County Probation Department and Ontario County Sheriff's Office. The drug sweep was the culmination of hundreds of police man-hours over the past six months into the street-level drug trade in and around Wayne County. Many of the investigations were launched in response to citizen complaints and online tips to the WayneNET website (www.WayneNET.info).

Those arrested today for Felony Criminal Sale and Possession of Controlled Substances (cocaine) are:

- Hector O. Marquez, 32, of 407 Siegrist Street, Newark (also charged with Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance Near or On School Grounds)
- Kerry A. Orwen, 33, of 801 Church Street, Newark
- Timothy A. Torbitt, 22, of 134 Wilson Street, Newark
- Roberto J. Correa-Rogue, 21, of 121 Geneva Street, Lyons
- Byron A. Wilder, 34, of 41 Lawrence Street, Lyons
- Tavaris M. Harris, 21, of 137 Columbia Street, Clyde
- Thomas M. Horton, 21, of 161 Glasgow Street, Clyde
- Christopher D. Sergeant, 23, of 1687 Wiltsie Road, Lot 8, Savannah
- Robert L. Smith, 38, of 39 Orchard Street, Clyde
- Ashley L. Feliciano, 31, of 1097 Woodhill, Newark (also charged with Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Criminal Nuisance)
- Christopher Verstringhe, of 108 Vienna Road, Lot 44, Newark

Marquez, Orwen, and Ippolito were arrested at the Wayne County Jail, where they were awaiting proceedings on other criminal charges. Torbitt was arrested at the Ontario County Jail and transported to Wayne County for arraignment.

Arrested today for Criminal Possession of Marijuana were:

- Tomas Marcano, 39, of 108 Vienna Road, Lot 33, Newark
- Tamarah L. Ippolito, 48, of 108 Vienna Road, Lot 33, Newark
- Adam W. VanBuskirk, 31, of 41 Shuler Street, Lyons

Marcano and Ippolito were also charged with Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia. All individuals arrested today were arraigned before Wayne County Court Judge John Nesbitt, and remanded to the Wayne County Jail.

In conjunction with Friday's “sweep,” WayneNET officers also executed a search warrant at 137 Columbia Street in Clyde, where Tavaris Harris was arrested. Also arrested during the search warrant were Antione K. Harris, 20, and Elaine D. Harris, 53, of the same address. Antione was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance (cocaine) with intent to sell, Criminal Possession of Marijuana, and Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia. Elaine was charged with Criminal Nuisance. Both were arraigned in Galen Town Court. Police seized a quantity of cocaine and marijuana in the raid, along with 2 rifles.

Police state additional arrests are expected in the coming weeks.

“Once again, we want to get the message out to those who choose to deal drugs in Wayne County: ‘You will get caught,’” police said. “While our individual agencies may be small, our cooperative effort and use of inter-agency resources enables us to devote manpower to attack the drug problem at all levels, which results in making our streets safer in all our communities. We're thankful to all the agencies represented here today for their invaluable assistance. We also appreciate the information and tips we have received from our citizens, who have been instrumental in calling our attention to problems in their neighborhoods. We invite and encourage our residents to continue to notify us of suspicious activity that threatens the safety of their communities, so that we may provide a comfortable level of security for all our residents and visitors. The transient nature of drug traffickers affects multiple towns and villages at the same time, and we depend on our diligent citizens as stakeholders to be our ‘eyes and ears.’”