

# News Release

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**For Immediate Release**

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**Subject: Summer Drug Sweep**

On August 3, 2016 the METRICH Enforcement Unit conducted a drug sweep with the assistance of the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force (NOVFTF), the Mansfield Police Department, the Richland County Sheriff's Office and the Shelby Police Department. Lt. Joseph Petrycki stated METRICH detectives targeted 48 suspects during this sweep and conducted three searches of residences. The 48 suspects were charged with 89 total counts related to drug trafficking.

Lt. Petrycki advised METRICH Detectives and NOVFTF members seized approximately 10 grams of heroin, assorted drug paraphernalia, numerous prescription medications, an elaborate indoor marijuana grow operation, 2 handguns, ammunition and over \$1,500.00 in U.S. currency. Sgt. Steve Blust stated "This sweep was the result of numerous complaints regarding drug trafficking in Richland County and we will continue to target other drug dealers within our community."

As of 2:00 pm today, 29 of the 48 suspects have been arrested by the NOVFTF and served with indictments. In addition to the indictment arrests, METRICH detectives filed other charges on the below listed individuals as they were found to be in possession of drugs when they were contacted by the NOVFTF.

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Mark Thomas DOB: 11/02/80  
Charges: Illegal Cultivation of Marijuana F3



Lisa Schlupp DOB: 02/18/81  
Charges: Possession of Drugs F3

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Glenn Brown DOB: 11/28/62  
Charges: Having Weapons Under Disability F3  
Possession of Drugs-2 Counts



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