

# ***THE L.E.A.D. TASK FORCE***

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## Press Release

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### Drug Trafficking Grand Jury Indictment Served

On Wednesday June 24, 2009 Maria E. Portillo (21) of 439 West High Ave. Apt. 9 New Philadelphia was served with a six count Drug Indictment from the Tuscarawas County Grand Jury by a L.E.A.D. Task Force Detective.

Portillo is charged with five counts of Trafficking in Drugs, one third degree felony, three fourth degree felonies and one felony of the fifth degree. Portillo is also charged with an additional fifth degree felony for one count of Permitting Drug Abuse for knowingly allowing her premises to be used for the commission of Felony Drug Abuse by Eric M. Flickinger who is a co-defendant in this case.

L.E.A.D. Detectives became aware of the illegal narcotics activity in late 2008 with a lengthy investigation resulting in the indictments. The activity at their former residence located at 125 Fourth Street N.W. in the City of New Philadelphia was consistent and ongoing.

Detectives were able to infiltrate the activity resulting in undercover drug buys with Portillo conducting the sales in the presence of a small juvenile three times. The drugs sold consist of Marijuana, Alprazolam pills, Oxycodone pills, Hydrocodone pills and cocaine. Portillo will be required to appear before a Common Pleas Court Judge upon being issued an appearance date in the near future.

Additional arrests and charges are expected in this case.

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