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Search Warrant Executed Two arrested

On Monday June 29, 2009 a search warrant was executed at 5225 North Wooster Ave. Ext. N.W. Apt. A, Dover for the purpose of taking Joni L. Septer Romacko into custody as well as a search of the premises for Drug Paraphernalia.

Sheriff's Detectives were able to obtain the search warrant as the result of a reported overdose on June 21, 2009. During the course of the investigation it was discovered that Joni L. Septer-Romacko was residing at the residence and an outstanding warrant for her arrest for Failure to Appear in New Philadelphia Municipal Court for O.M.V.I. was active. Detectives attempted to make contact with occupants of the apartment with persons inside refusing to answer the door resulting in the search warrant. Neighbors had also complained of irregular and suspicious activity taking place at the apartment.

Upon entering the residence investigators found Septer-Romacko and numerous pieces of drug paraphernalia including, spoons with suspected heroin and residue, hypodermic syringes, suspected crack cocaine pipes and unidentified pills. Several other persons at the residence were identified and released after being questioned and checked for warrants.

Michael R. Meese (41) who also resides at the apartment was taken into custody and charged with one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a fourth degree Misdemeanor and one count of Possession of Drug Instruments, a misdemeanor of the first degree. Joni L. Septer-Romacko (43) was taken into custody for the outstanding warrant. Both were transported to the Tuscarawas County Jail awaiting appearance in New Philadelphia Municipal Court.

The suspected Heroin and pills will be sent to a state laboratory for possible felony charges upon completion of testing the seized items.

Dover Police assisted deputies with the execution of the search warrant. The original drug overdose case is still being investigated with additional charges possible.

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