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Press Release

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Drug Trafficking Indictment Served

On Tuesday March 27, 2012 New Philadelphia Police notified L.E.A.D. Detectives regarding Donnell Hampton aka Donnell Cooper being taken into custody after a brief foot chase in New Philadelphia. Officer Dave Morris reported to Detectives that New Philadelphia Police received a call of a suspicious male in the area of the 200 block of 6th Street NW with the male fleeing on foot when police officers attempted to speak with him. Officer Morris reported that Cooper-Hampton was taken into custody within about a half block of where the foot chase began. Cooper-Hampton faces possible additional charges of Tampering with Evidence for reportedly swallowing two small baggies of Marijuana before he was apprehended.

Donnell Cooper-Hampton, who is known on the street as "Special" was the focus of a drug investigation initiated last fall by Detectives of the L.E.A.D. Task Force. Investigators had received information that "Special" was involved with bringing Cocaine and Heroin into Tuscarawas County on a regular basis and selling the Narcotics at various locations in the Dover-New Philadelphia area as well as the Dennison-Uhrichsville area. A lengthy investigation ensued resulting in two undercover controlled drug buys of Heroin directly from Hampton. The Tuscarawas County Grand Jury issued the Warrant on Indictment on March 13, 2012 for Cooper-Hampton but investigators had been unable to locate him until today.

Donnell Y. Cooper-Hampton (37) of Cleveland is charged with two Felony counts of Trafficking in Drugs and is being held in the Tuscarawas County Jail pending Arraignment in Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Court.

Detective Scott Ballentine

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