

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

of TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO

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## Press Release

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### Cocaine Possession Indictment Served

On Wednesday March 7, 2012 Rickie Lee Bearducci (49) of 1338 Baltzley Valley Rd. SE was arrested by L.E.A.D Detectives and Dover Police on a Tuscarawas County Grand Jury Indictment for one Felony count of Cocaine Possession.

The case stems from a traffic stop conducted by Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Deputies on December 20, 2011 when Bearducci was found to have a baggie of white powder in his possession. The substance was sent to a State of Ohio crime lab for analysis and confirmed to be powder cocaine.

Task Force Detectives were familiar with Bearducci due to prior drug charges and had been looking for him since the Indictment was issued on February 24, 2012. While L.E.A.D Detectives were conducting surveillance at a location in the City of Dover they observed Bearducci pull away from a residence in a black SUV. Detectives immediately began following Bearducci contacting Dover Police who responded immediately conducting a traffic stop in the 700 block of North Tuscarawas Ave. where he was taken into custody.

Rickie Lee Bearducci is being held in the Tuscarawas County Jail pending arraignment in Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Court sometime in the near future.

Detective Scott Ballentine

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