

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

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## Press Release

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### Drug Trafficking Arrest in Goshen Township

Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Deputies along with L.E.A.D. Detectives arrested John D. Tantarelli Jr. (45) of 1796 State Route 39 N.E.

New Philadelphia at his residence on Wednesday for four felony counts of Trafficking In Drugs after an Indictment was issued by the Tuscarawas County Grand Jury.

Tantarelli was the focus of a lengthy investigation that began last year with controlled undercover drug buys taking place at and near his former residence on Mt. Bethel Rd. in Union Township. All four controlled buys involved powder cocaine. A 2000 Chevrolet pickup truck owned by Tantarelli was seized by Detectives for being used to deliver cocaine to a location where one of the deals was completed.

Tantarelli is being held in the Tuscarawas County Jail pending arraignment in Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Court at a later date and time.

Det. Scott Ballentine

Det. Chaz Willett

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