

THE L.E.A.D. TASK FORCE

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Press Release

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Second Arrest at New Philadelphia Drug House

Early Sunday morning at around 2:00 AM New Philadelphia Police arrested Nicholas J. Masten (34) at 519 Beech Ln. NW in New Philadelphia serving a Tuscarawas County Grand Jury Warrant on Indictment to him for one felony count of Trafficking in Drugs. Masten was part of the investigation involving Douglas Halter who resides at the residence. This arrest was the direct result of a Multi Jurisdictional L.E.A.D. Task Force undercover investigation involving L.E.A.D. Detectives and New Philadelphia Police.

During the investigation of Halter who is also known on the street as “Douggie Fresh”, Masten participated in the setting up of drug deals at the residence and at one point solicited money from an undercover operative for the sale of Crack Cocaine. Masten was taken to the Tuscarawas County Jail where he is awaiting arraignment in Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Court.

Det. Scott Ballentine

Det. Chaz Willett

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