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Press Release

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Drug Trafficking Arrests and Search Warrant

On Thursday June 20, 2013 at approximately 8:10 AM the New Philadelphia Special Response Team, New Philadelphia Police, Dover Police and Multi-County L.E.A.D. Detectives raided a house located at 502 11th Street NW in New Philadelphia.

William J. Lozada (44) and Ashley N. Johnson (23) were taken into custody and served with Tuscarawas County Grand Jury Indictments for Trafficking in Drugs. Lozada, who also goes by Pedro Ramos, Carlos Ramos and Sanza Thompson is known on the street as Los and Carlos. He faces one second degree felony, one third degree felony and two fifth degree felonies for Drug Trafficking. Ashley Johnson faces three fifth degree felony counts of Trafficking in Drugs as well as one fifth degree count of Permitting Drug Abuse at the residence. The illegal narcotics purchased by investigators was powder cocaine.

L.E.A.D. Detectives began their investigation in December of 2012 when they received word of possible illegal drug sales taking place at the residence. Investigators were able to coordinate numerous undercover controlled buys from Lozada and Johnson at the home ending the case today with a search warrant served at the premises. Almost two ounces of cocaine, nearly a pound of marijuana, drug paraphernalia along with numerous prescription pills and cash were seized during the raid. Also found was an Air Soft pistol that closely resembled a .45 Cal. Colt handgun.

Lozada is known by investigators to also reside at 19 Jewett Ave. in Dennison as well as the residence on 11th Street in New Philadelphia. Ashley Johnson also resides at the 11th Street address although she advised Detectives her actual address is 429 East Canal Street in Newcomerstown.

Both Lozada and Johnson are currently being held in the Tuscarawas County Jail pending arraignment in Common Pleas Court. A third person was found in the home and was detained by Detectives but released after it was determined he was not a part of the drug trafficking occurring at the residence. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was contacted by Tuscarawas County Jail Officer's regarding making positive identification of Lozada.

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