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Two Drug Trafficking Indictments Served

On Monday June 3, 2013 Tuscarawas County Grand Jury Felony Indictments were served on two individuals who are currently being held in the Tuscarawas County Jail.

Galen T. Levengood (22) (listed address as homeless) was served a five count felony Indictment for Drug Trafficking after a lengthy investigation by Multi-County L.E.A.D. Detectives that began last fall. Levengood became the focus of attention by investigators after information was received that he may be conducting illegal drug sales. The case involved activity in the Dover-New Philadelphia area as well as the Village of Strasburg. Investigators were able to establish a pattern of activity and eventually complete several controlled undercover buys from him in those areas. The drugs sold include Marijuana, MDMA (Ecstasy) and Heroin. Levengood is currently incarcerated in the Tuscarawas County Jail serving time on unrelated charges out of New Philadelphia Municipal Court and Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Court and will be arraigned on the new charges at a later date and time.

Byron Hamilton Jr. (23) of 9741 Somerset St. Detroit MI. was also served a felony Indictment after being bound over to the Court of Common Pleas for three counts of Trafficking in Drugs including one of the first degree and two of the fourth degree. Hamilton is also charged with one second degree felony count of Drug Possession in connection with this case. Hamilton has been incarcerated in the Tuscarawas County Jail since his arrest on April 29, 2013 when New Philadelphia Police and L.E.A.D. Detectives served a search warrant at a New Philadelphia apartment where a large amount of Heroin was found and Hamilton was taken into custody. Investigators believe Hamilton is responsible for a large amount of Heroin sales in Tuscarawas County. He is currently still in jail and awaiting arraignment in Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Court at a later date and time.

Det. Chaz Willett

Det. Scott Ballentine

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