

# PRESS RELEASE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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The MARMET/METRICH Drug Task Force, which is made up of Deputies from Marion Co. SO and Officers of the Marion City Police, wrapped up an extensive 2 ½ month undercover drug investigation making arrests in Marion and Delaware County. Officers seized over \$2600.00 cash, over 126 grams of cocaine, 17 balls of Heroin, more than 40 grams of marijuana and a hand gun during the arrests. Additional officers were utilized in the arrests from Marion County Sheriff Dept., Marion City Police, Delaware Co. Drug Task Force, Delaware City Police and Delaware County Sheriff Dept. Two search warrants were served at 630 and 632 E. Center St., Marion. The following eight individuals were arrested; the Marion County Prosecutor's office will be filing the formal charges.

Jerry Germaine Douglas  
653 Randolph Ct., Worthington  
4 cts. Trafficking in Cocaine  
3 active Bench Warrants

Derrick E. Darling  
6145 Caledonia Climax Rd, Caledonia  
1 ct Trafficking in Heroin  
Federal Probation Violation

Troy L. Blevins  
632 E. Center, Marion  
2 cts Trafficking in Heroin  
1 ct. Possession of Heroin

Haven J. Nelson  
1374 Indianola Ave. Columbus  
1 ct Trafficking in Marijuana  
1 ct Possession of Cocaine  
1 ct Tampering with Evidence

Brandon Wayne Darling  
362 ½ Leader St., Marion  
2 cts. Trafficking in Heroin

Eric J. Meachem  
209 Latourette, Marion  
1 ct. Trafficking in Heroin  
1 ct Possession of Heroin  
1 ct Weapons Charge

Shawn W. Thomas  
630 E. Center, Marion  
1 ct Trafficking in Heroin

Jessica Shroats  
455 E. Fairground, Marion  
1 ct. Possession Heroin

METRICH is a ten county decentralized task force in North Central Ohio whose mission is to improve the quality of life for the citizens we serve by reducing the availability of illegal drugs and weapons through proactive enforcement efforts. The success of METRICH is a tribute to the cooperation and support within the Law Enforcement Community in the METRICH region and to those citizens who have chosen to improve the quality of life in their communities by assisting METRICH in reporting suspicious activity and valuable information.

**Citizens may report suspicious activity to the crime hot lines at:**  
**1-800-589-DARE and [www.METRICH.com](http://www.METRICH.com)**

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