

# PRESS 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, received anonymous information that Jeff Thacker was going to Columbus to pick up drugs. MARMET officers began surveillance on the suspect's residence and other areas around the city watching for his return. At approximately 4:14PM Thacker returned to his residence and was met by MARMET Officers. Officers located 14.7 grams of powder cocaine, 89 heroin balls, and 6.5 grams of Marijuana on his person and in his vehicle. The following subjects were arrested and the cases will be forwarded to the Marion County Prosecutor's office for the filing of formal charges.

Jeffrey Lee Thacker  
995 Bermuda Dr, Marion  
Age 24 years  
Charges: Tampering with Evidence  
          Possession of Cocaine  
          Possession of Heroin  
          Possession of Marijuana  
          Parole Violation

James Donald Thacker  
234 N. State, Marion  
Age 61  
Charge: Parole Violation

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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