

PRESS RELEASE



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Search Warrants

On February 28, 2008, the METRICH Enforcement Unit supported by members of ASORT and the Mansfield Police Department executed two search warrants.

The first search warrant was at 129 Washington Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio. During the execution of the warrant approximately two grams of crack cocaine, three grams of marijuana and suspected stolen property were seized. The occupant of the residence and target of the investigation was operating a candy store for the neighborhood children for which she had a valid vendor's license with the state of Ohio. Crack cocaine was located in the cash drawer behind the counter where she was selling the candy. Charges will be filed with the Richland County Prosecutors Office.

The second search warrant served within minutes of the first was executed at 331 West Fourth Street, Mansfield, Ohio. Seized at this location was approximately five grams of crack cocaine, a small quantity of marijuana, scales and \$290.00 in U.S. currency.

The following individual was arrested:

Freddie Sams,
Age 40
Black
Male
331 West Fourth Street, Mansfield, Ohio
Possession of Crack Cocaine (F4)
Additional charges may be sought pending further investigation.

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

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