

Drug Task Force seizes illegal drugs

Warrant served on Council Street; two men arrested with stolen property

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MARION - Stolen property and drugs were seized by local law enforcement agents Monday after a search warrant was executed at a local residence.

Around 3:19 p.m. Monday, detectives with the MARMET/METRICH Drug Task Force assisted detectives from the Marion Police Department and Richland County Sheriff's Office in serving a search warrant at 137 Council Street, according to Lt. Daryl Burbaugh.

Officers recovered over a pound of marijuana, as well as drug paraphernalia and a number of items believed to have been stolen from Richland County, including tools, roof shingles, ladders, vinyl siding, dirt bikes and go-carts.

"Just anything you can imagine that you could lift," Burbaugh said.

The search was the result of an ongoing investigation by Richland County officials into a series of break-ins. Burbaugh said the items stolen were allegedly brought into Marion where they were traded for drugs.

Officers also arrested 29-year-old Billy Wilcox, of 137 Council St., on a charge of felony drug possession and 29-year-old David Fegley of 7915 Auburn Road, Shelby, on a felony charge of receiving stolen property.

Marion County Children Services was also called in to assist with two young children at the residence, Burbaugh said.

Assistant Marion County Prosecutor Rhonda Burggraf said the case will likely be prosecuted by officials in Richland County as the majority of the criminal activity occurred there. Should Richland County officials decline to file charges, however, Burggraf said the local prosecutors would review the case for possible charges.



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