

JOHNSON COUNTY

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Police uncover two meth labs in Franklin

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Franklin police found two methamphetamine labs in five days while searching for a man wanted on a charge of manufacturing the drug.

Three people were arrested in the searches conducted on Friday and Tuesday.

Police still have a warrant out for the arrest of Ricky L. Roberts, 971 Duane St., Franklin, on charges of manufacturing methamphetamine and receiving stolen property.

On Friday, officers searched Roberts' Franklin home to follow up on a tip that meth was being made and sold at the location, according to a Franklin police report.

Roberts, 30, wasn't home. However, police found remnants

of a meth lab under the kitchen sink and outside the back door of the home.

Drain cleaner, hoses, a propane torch, butane fluid, ephedrine tablets and a gas tank that tested positive for anhydrous ammonia were among the ingredients found that are used to make meth, a highly addictive stimulant.

A small glass bottle with white residue that tested positive for methamphetamine, a glass tube with white residue and a blue plastic spoon used for ingesting the drug were found in the kitchen.

Roberts' live-in girlfriend, Autumn N. Hayes, 18, was at the home along with her two children, ages 4 weeks and 18 months, when police arrived.

While the search was going on, Roberts called Hayes to ask what police were doing there, and she

said they had a search warrant and had found his meth lab materials, the report said.

Police talked to Roberts on the phone, who reportedly cursed and threatened them before hanging up.

Roberts called Hayes again a short time later.

She threatened to tell police what he had been doing unless he came home to face them, the report said.

Hayes told police that Roberts had been making methamphetamine for a few months and was selling about 2 ounces per week in Franklin.

Franklin Detective Bryan Burton, who helped in the search, said that amount would sell for about \$1,900 to \$2,200.

Residents living in the home said most everything there, from television sets to expensive nail guns, had been traded for the

meth or stolen, the report said.

Almost \$5,000 dollars worth of merchandise was seized by police, Burton said.

In the search, police also found a small plastic bag of white pills identified as Klonopin, a panic-disorder medicine, and a marijuana cigarette in a jewelry box owned by Hayes.

She was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana/hashish. She was released from the Johnson County jail on a \$4,000 bond.

Police also found some morphine pills in a suitcase owned by Carl Smeed, a Florida resident who was staying at the home.

Smeed, 33, 5325 Trammel St., Naples, Fla., was arrested on charges of possession of cocaine, narcotics or methamphetamine and was held on a \$3,000 bond.

The Indiana State Police

Clandestine Crime Lab arrived and began to clean up the meth lab.

The children were placed in court custody and later taken to stay with grandparents.

On Tuesday, Franklin police got a tip that Roberts' car was parked outside at a farm on residence on Center Line Road.

Gregory J. Asher, who was at the farm, told police that a friend of Roberts' left the car at the property a few days ago.

He gave police permission to search for Roberts, the report said.

But as officers headed for an outbuilding, Asher told police he didn't want them to search it because he had some marijuana on the property.

Meanwhile, police discovered that Asher was wanted on a charge of contempt and placed him under arrest.

They got a warrant to search the property for marijuana and found remnants of a meth lab in the garage.

Anhydrous ammonia mixed with lithium in a clear pitcher was found on a shelf.

Several cans of Coleman camp-stove fluid, sulfuric acid, batteries, coffee filters, glass jars, a blender with a white pill residue that tested positive for ephedrine and a small plastic bath of meth were found, the report said.

The state lab team was called to the home to clean up the scene.

Asher, 33, 366 W. Jefferson St., Franklin, was arrested on charges of manufacturing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine and improper storage of anhydrous ammonia and on an outstanding warrant.

He is being held at the Johnson County jail on a \$25,000 bond.

BRIEFS LOCAL

ON THE RECORD

GREENWOOD

Man OK after driving vehicle into pond

An Indianapolis man drove his car into a retention pond at a Greenwood subdivision late Wednesday.

Jon C. Constable, 57, told police he had just dropped a friend off at home and was not familiar with the area.

He drove into the pond between Stop 18 and Worthsville roads at about 11 p.m. and then called police.

Constable was alone in the car, according to a police report.

Emergency workers took the man to Community Hospital South, where he was released after treatment, the report said.

Police are awaiting results of a blood-alcohol test, which could take three to eight weeks, to determine if the man had been drinking, Greenwood Police Chief Joe Pitcher said.

Workers towed the car out of the pond.

A damage estimate was unavailable Thursday, Pitcher said.

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Library planning tutor orientation session

The Johnson County Public Library's Adult Learning Center will conduct orientation training for new tutors to the ALC program at Clark Pleasant Library between 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the library's community room.

The training will be lead by instructors Robin Blankenbaker, the ALC's Program Specialist, Marge Tomey, JCPL's Human Resources Director and Jenny Ransone a volunteer and former ALC Program Specialist.

The orientation will involve an introduction to the program as well as an introduction to the skills and nuances needed for teaching adults.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can contact the ALC at 738-4677.

GREENWOOD

Baseball sign-ups set for Saturday at store

Greenwood baseball registration will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Dick's Sporting Goods at the Greenwood Park Mall.

Children between the ages of 4 and 17 can participate. Original birth certificate and a parent's drivers license is required to sign up.

Registration fee is \$55 for first player and \$50 for every additional sibling.

A challenger division for mentally and physically challenged children is also available. Registration fee is \$35.

Information: 767-0886

INDIANAPOLIS

Firefighters sponsoring blood drive Monday

The Indianapolis Black Firefighters Association will sponsor a blood drive Monday.

Participants can donate from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the firefighter's headquarters at 1201 E. 46th St. in Indianapolis, or from 3 to 7 p.m. at Mount Zion Apostolic Church, 4900 E. 38th St. in Indianapolis.

The drive is dedicated to the memory of Kathy Taylor.

Each person who donates will receive a blood donation awareness bracelet.

Donors must be 17 years of age or older, weigh 110 pounds or more, and be in good health.

Police/fire

Franklin Shoplifting

• Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2125 N. Morton St.: A security officer reported at 10:53 p.m. Thursday that two men took two bottles of alcohol and ran. The men were arrested.

Property-damage accidents

- 10:08 p.m. Wednesday — U.S. 31 and Jefferson Street
- 5:26 p.m. Wednesday — Interstate 65 and State Road 44
- 3:42 p.m. Wednesday — Jefferson Street and U.S. 31
- 8:38 a.m. Wednesday — U.S. 31 and Simon Road
- 7:48 a.m. Wednesday — Westview Drive and Preidt Circle
- 6:44 a.m. Wednesday — U.S. 31 and KYB Drive
- no time, Wednesday — U.S. 31 and Jefferson Street

Greenwood Rape

• Greenwood police station, 186 Surina Way: A girl came to the police department at 9:44 p.m. Wednesday to report she was raped by an acquaintance Saturday night. She said she left with the person to go for a walk. They entered an abandoned apartment, where she was raped, she said.

Theft

- Road Ranger truck stop, 1615 E. Main

St.: An officer responded to a report of theft at 2:55 p.m. Wednesday at the truck stop. Upon questioning, a man told the officer that he intended to steal a \$15 jacket. The manager of the store stated he observed the man steal the jacket. The man was arrested on a charge of theft. Police located the man's vehicle at the truck stop. The vehicle was reported stolen out of Marion County.

• 1200 block of Ventura Court: A woman reported at 7:21 p.m. Wednesday that someone took two cases of CDs from her unlocked vehicle while she was inside a bank.

Personal-injury accidents

• 11:09 Wednesday — Worthsville Road and Emerson Avenue; John C. Constable, 57, Indianapolis; Constable had a head abrasion.

Property-damage accidents

- 7:04 p.m. Monday — County Line Road and State Road 135
- 7:07 a.m. Tuesday — State Road 135 and County Line Road
- 8:14 a.m. Wednesday — South Park Boulevard and Main Street
- 11:57 a.m. Wednesday — State Road 135 and Demaree Road

Johnson County Criminal mischief

• Custer Baker Middle School, Franklin Township: An officer responded to a criminal mischief report at 1:32 p.m.

Wednesday at the school where an administrator had two boys in custody. One boy admitted to starting a fire in the boys' bathroom after he was given a lighter by a second boy. They set a piece of paper on fire and then threw it into a trash can, which caused a larger fire. One boy was arrested for criminal mischief. The other boy was arrested for aiding in criminal mischief.

Jail bookings

The following people recently were arrested and booked into the Johnson County jail:

Roy Ortiz, 44, 701 E. Sanders St., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court; held without bond.

Terry Lee England, 30, 805 S. Walnut St., Edinburgh; arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court; released on \$5,000 bond.

Johnathon G. Cranfill, 19, 102 S. Washington St., Greenwood; arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court; released on \$300 bond.

Gregory Joseph Asher, 33, 366 W. Jefferson St., Franklin; arrested on charges of improper storage of anhydrous ammonia, contempt, dealing in cocaine or narcotics and possession of cocaine, narcotics or methamphetamines; held on \$25,000 bond.

Donald Joseph Greer, 27, 912 Kings Mill Road, Apt. 844, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of failure to appear in

court; held on \$10,000 bond.

Michael D. Bennett, 30, 108 W. Pennsylvania St., Apt. B, Shelbyville; arrested on a charge of theft or receiving stolen property; held on \$3,000 bond.

Aaron Ray Hogston, 28, 5718 Wiebeck Court, Indianapolis; arrested on charges of criminal mischief and public intoxication; held on \$3,000 bond.

Jeffrey Edwin Barnard, 46, 526 Cielo Vista Drive, Greenwood; arrested on charges of possession of marijuana/hashish, possession of paraphernalia and public intoxication; held on \$3,000 bond.

Jennifer Ann Hubbard, 22, 7312 Lockwood Lane, Apt. F, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with a previous conviction; released on \$1,000 bond.

Turner William Hart, 19, 1708 Francis St., Franklin; arrested on a charge of theft or receiving stolen property; held on \$6,000 bond.

Jill R. Hicks, 50, 526 Cielo Vista Drive, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of public intoxication; released on \$1,000 bond.

Bruce Davis, 19, 634 W. Fleming Drive, Nineveh; arrested on a charge of possession, consumption or transportation or alcohol by a minor; held on \$1,000 bond.

Robert L. Rynard, 33, 304 Oakden Road, New Whiteland; arrested on a charge of contempt; held on \$100 bond.

Jeremy E. Taylor, 30, 993 Coventry

Court, Apt. 948, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of probation revocation; held without bond.

Bradley Siewert, 42, 614 Ridge Road, Webster, N.Y.; arrested on a charge of nonsupport of a child; released on \$1,000 bond.

James Harold Stephenson, 35, 1081 Fairlane Court, Franklin; arrested on two charges of contempt; held on \$1,800 bond.

Robert Baker Parsons, 35, 408 N. Moreland Ave., Indianapolis; arrested on charges of criminal recklessness, theft or receiving stolen property, resisting an officer and driving while suspended with a previous conviction; held on \$8,000 bond.

Births

Johnson Memorial Hospital

Angela and Michael Scott, Greenwood, girl born Jan. 19.

Jason and Kristina Mobley, Franklin, boy born Jan. 19.

Tammy and Charles Dittmar, girl born Jan. 17.

Dustin and Ashley Woodard, Greenwood, boy born Jan. 17.

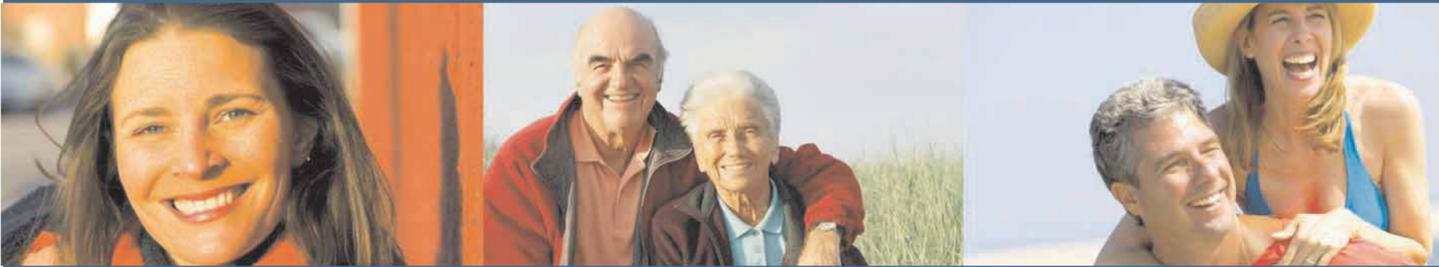
Aaron Thurman, Edinburgh, and Tiffany Hardin, Franklin, girl born Jan. 17.

Erik and Tasha McQueeney, Greenwood, girl born Jan. 17.

Isaac and Erika Horner, Morgantown, girl born Jan. 17.

You're Invited

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OPEN HOUSE 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Monday, January 23

Open a Free Checking Account and receive a \$10 Gift Certificate to Target

Enter to win* a gift certificate to Stone Creek Dining Co.

Tuesday, January 24

Every child that opens a Johnny Eagle Account will get a \$10 gift certificate to Toys "R" Us

Get a car loan and receive a free movie ticket.

Enter to win* a gift certificate to Smock Golf Course

Wednesday, January 25

Enter to win* a gift certificate to Robert's Salon and Day Spa

Stop in for a Free Portfolio Review by AG Edwards**

Please RSVP to Carolyn or Jennifer at 884.1045 by January 23, 2006



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