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## News Release

Sheriff Lavender reports that his office along with agents from the U.S. 23 Task Force executed a search warrant on a residence and business in the 11000 block of State Route 41 just outside of Fruitdale.

Members of the Emergency Response Team entered the property at approximately 5:00 p.m. There were five adults present at the time the warrant was executed. Detectives and Agents from the task force searched the property and found an active meth lab, as well as chemicals used in production of meth and numerous pieces of drug abuse instruments.

Dustin Pinkerton 29 years old was arrested on possession of drugs and warrants out of Fayette and Highland Counties. Jessica Shumaker 27 years old was arrested on a warrant out of Fayette County.

Investigators collected several pieces of evidence to be sent to the lab for testing. The property owner faces several felony charges pending those results.

Paint Creek Fire Department was on the scene to assist with clean up.

This search warrant is a result of investigators working on Sheriff Lavender's S.T.O.P.P. (Stop Trafficking or Pay the Price) initiative.

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