



## Office of Ross County Sheriff

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### News Release

Sheriff Lavender reports that his office along with the U.S. 23 Major Crimes Task Force and the Ohio Organized Crime Commission executed a search warrant at 4853 Jester Hill Road in Bainbridge at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Members of the Ross County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team entered and secured the residence. There were 2 adult males, 2 adult females, and a juvenile inside the residence. The homeowner was not home at the time of the warrant. 40 year old River Weber was arrested on a warrant out of Pike County.

Deputies located the owner 33 year old Latisha Penwell in Bainbridge and conducted a traffic stop. They were assisted by a K-9 unit from Pike County Sheriff's Office.

Investigators conducted a search of the residence and the vehicle. The home was found to contain numerous items consistent with Trafficking in Heroine. A search of Mrs. Penwell and the vehicle she was driving discovered what is presumed to be Heroine, along with Drug Abuse Instruments. These items were collected to be sent for laboratory testing.

Mrs. Penwell was arrested and charged with Possession of Drugs and Tampering with Evidence.

Sheriff Lavender encourages the community to report any suspected Drug Activity to his office at 740-773-1185 or Southern Ohio Crime Stoppers anonymously at 740-773-TIPS (8477)

