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## **News Release**

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Sheriff Lavender would like to report that two times on 07/11/2014 Deputies from his Patrol Division were instrumental in seizing drugs.

The first incident one of his deputies was on routine patrol on Blain Highway at approximately 11:15 a.m. The deputy observed a vehicle driven by 61 year old Larry Gee make a traffic violation. The deputy conducted a traffic stop on Mr. Gee.

A Fayette County K-9 Handler happened to be in the area conducting some follow up investigations. The Fayette County Deputy assisted on the traffic stop. Mr. Gee was told that the K-9 was going to sniff around his vehicle; at this time Mr. Gee told deputies that he had Heroin on him. Deputies recovered the Heroin from Mr. Gee and then conducted a search of his vehicle. Deputies did not find any other drugs.

Mr. Gee was arrested and charged with Possession of Heroin.

The second incident one of his deputies received information that Methamphetamine was being manufactured at a residence on Leeds Road. The deputy conducted the initial investigation and then contacted the U.S. 23 Major Crimes Task Force. The Task Force was able to obtain a search warrant for the residence based on the deputies' investigation.

The Ross County Sheriff's Office along with The U.S. 23 Task Force and the Ohio Organized Crime Commission executed the search warrant around midnight. There was 1 adult and 4 juveniles present at the time. Investigators did discover material consistent with the Manufacture of Methamphetamine. These materials were taken as evidence. This investigation is ongoing and it will be turned over to the Ross County Prosecuting Attorney at its completion.