

***West Tennessee Judicial***

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**DRUG TASK FORCE STOPS LARGE SCALE DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION OPERATING FROM THE OLD HUMBOLDT WALMART**

 Humboldt, Tenn. – Agents with the West Tennessee Drug Task Force served a series of search warrants Tuesday in connection with a lengthy drug investigation involving more than 25 law enforcement officers from 9 different agencies.

 Agents served a search warrant at 2500 N. Central Ave. inside of the old Humboldt Walmart building, after nearly 35 pounds of edibles containing Psilocybin, a Schedule I hallucinogenic drug, were shipped through the mail and delivered to the business. During the search, Agents encountered one armed suspect in the rear of the warehouse, who was taken into custody without incident. The business was searched over a ten-hour period, where Agents uncovered multiple rooms containing an illicit steroid lab, three indoor marijuana grow operations, a gun manufacturing room, a moonshine still, and a shipping and receiving operation for shipping illegal drugs and receiving money.

 Agents seized approximately 376 vials of steroid oils, 21 pounds of various steroid powders, 3.6 gallons of steroid oil, 9,180 steroid pills, 70 forged driver’s license cards from 4 states, all containing the same individual’s photo, 43.5 pounds of Psilocybin, 40 pounds of Delta 9 THC in multiple forms, 29 weapons, $153,421.00 in suspected drug proceeds, a moonshine still, a large amount of drug paraphernalia, and documentation and electronic evidence. A total of 90.5 kilograms of various narcotics were seized.

 Agents also served search warrants in connection with the business on two homes in Gibson and Madison Counties, where additional steroids, steroid powder, and guns were seized.

 Four persons have been arrested initially in connection with the investigation. Those persons are identified as Joseph Brian Moss, 41, and Lauren Nichole Tippet Moss, 35, both of Humboldt, and Dustin Page, 38, and Tiffany Page, 39, both of Madison County. All have been charged with a various combination of criminal offenses to include: Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver and/or Manufacturing of Schedule I, III and VI Controlled Substances, Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Dangerous Felony, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Identity Theft Trafficking, Maintaining a Drug Location, and Felony Drug Paraphernalia. All are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

 Drug Task Force Director Johnie Carter said, “This seizure is the biggest in the 28th Judicial District and arguably West Tennessee. It is the result of many years of hard work and partnerships formed between multiple agencies. West Tennessee and more specifically, Humboldt, is a safer place to live, work, and raise our families as a result of the hard work and dedication put into this case by my Agents and our partners.”

“We want to thank Director Carter and our West Tennessee Drug Task Force team for their work on this investigation. This continues to be an ongoing investigation that involves not only Local and State agencies but also Federal agencies. Our office will seek accountability and justice, which is our goal in every case we prosecute,” stated Frederick Agee, District Attorney General for the 28th Judicial District.

 This case was investigated by all 3 jurisdictions of the West Tennessee Drug Task Force, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the United States Postal Inspector, Counterdrug Task Force, A.T.F., Humboldt Police Department, Tennessee Dangerous Drugs Task Force, and the 26th Judicial District Drug Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by the Office of the 28th Judicial District Attorney, Frederick Agee. Follow us on Facebook @WestTnDtf.

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