

PRESS RELEASE

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CLINTON RESIDENTS ARRESTED IN METHAMPHETAMINE CASE

Clinton, Illinois April 25, 2005----- DeWitt County Sheriff Roger Massey reported today that 4 persons were arrested last Friday April 22, 2005 in Clinton, in reference to the production of Methamphetamine.

According to the Sheriff, CenCom (The DeWitt County and Clinton area combined dispatch center) received a public complaint of possible drug activity occurring at 1724 E. North Street in Clinton, Illinois. Patrol units from the DeWitt County Sheriff's Department, Clinton Police, and an agent with Task Force Six responded to the call. After some initial surveillance, a vehicle departing from the residence at that location was stopped by a DeWitt County Sheriff's deputy, and the vehicle was found to contain methamphetamine manufacturing chemicals and controlled substances. The three occupants of the car were arrested at that time, and a third suspect was arrested a short time later at the 1724 E. North Street address.

Arrested were:

Jerry W. Riggs, 21 Taylorville
Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine Manufacturing Chemicals
Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance
Unlawful Criminal Drug Conspiracy

Cory W. Cook, 24 Clinton
Unlawful Criminal Drug Conspiracy

Justin O. Droke, 21 Clinton
Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine Manufacturing Chemicals
Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance
Unlawful Criminal Drug Conspiracy
Unlawful Possession of Hypodermic Syringe
Obstructing Justice

Giselle A. Smith, 19 Clinton
Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine Manufacturing Chemicals
Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance
Unlawful Criminal Drug Conspiracy
Obstructing Justice

According to the Sheriff the investigation is continuing and more arrests are anticipated. "We want the public to know that we appreciate their tips, and we will respond to them," said Sheriff Massey. "This is another example of the efforts of combined agencies to have an impact on illegal drug activity in DeWitt County" the Sheriff continued.