



Southwest Enforcement Team – West Office

Search warrant executed in May results in the recent arrest of two Benton Harbor residents

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BERRIEN COUNTY, MICH. Southwest Enforcement Team (SWET) west detectives, along with members of the Berrien County Sheriff's Office, served a search warrant on May 2 in the 800 block of Broadway Ave in the city of Benton Harbor. The search warrant was a result of a cocaine drug trafficking investigation. During the execution of the warrant, SWET located over 2.5 pounds of cocaine, a large quantity of pills, an unsecured loaded firearm, ammunition, and several items used to manufacture and distribute cocaine.

Following the search warrant, charges were sought against two suspects developed during the investigation.

David Scott, a 48-year-old Benton Harbor man was later charged by the Berrien County Prosecutor's Office with the following: delivery/manufacture cocaine over 1000 grams, 2nd offense; maintaining a drug house, 2nd offense; possession of a firearm by a felon/prohibited person; three counts of felony firearms; and parole violation.

Tiffany Thomas, a 44-year-old Benton Harbor woman was also later charged by the Berrien County Prosecutor's Office with the following: delivery/manufacture cocaine over 1000 grams; maintaining a drug house; and two counts of felony firearms.

Both suspects were arrested last week and have already been arraigned at the Berrien County Court house. It is unknown if they have been released or remain lodged.

SWET received investigative assistance from the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) agents.

SWET would like to thank vigilant members of the community for reporting any suspected drug activity. We kindly ask the public to continue to report any narcotic/drug related suspicions occurring anywhere within Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren County using our dedicated tip-line 269-982-8664.

Each year in Southwest Michigan, we lose nearly twice as many lives to fatal drug overdoses as we do to fatal car crashes. If you, or someone you know would like to get information about getting substance use treatment, regardless of insurance, please call Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health at 1-800-781-0353.

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