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NEWS RELEASE

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Five Charged in Early Morning Drug Raid

A joint narcotics investigation between the Union County Sheriff's Office, Monroe Police Department, and Stallings Police culminated with four suspects in custody and a fifth cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.

The Sheriff's Office Special Response Team (SRT) executed an early-morning search warrant Wednesday at 2455 Oak Spring Road, Stallings, NC. Uniform Deputies from the Sheriff's Office Patrol Division as well as officers from the Stallings Police Department assisted with the operation.

A Sheriff's Office K-9 unit was utilized to search the residence and outbuildings. The search yielded crystal methamphetamine, opiates, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia littered throughout the home. Two female suspects, Allison Bridges and Aimee Ciufu, were arrested at the residence on several drug-related felony charges. A third suspect, Shane Hamrick, was arrested on numerous outstanding warrants as well as probation violation. Casey Colin, a male resident, was not arrested but was issued a citation for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The homeowner and target of the undercover investigation, James Bridges, was not present at the time of the search but was located shortly thereafter at a residence in Matthews, NC. Bridges would not come to the door of the residence, necessitating a second search warrant to enter this third-party residence and arrest Bridges on the outstanding felony warrants. Matthews Police Department and Union County detectives worked together to execute this second search warrant, and Bridges was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Union County Jail.

Sheriff Cathey stated that he appreciates the cooperation of the various agencies involved in this joint investigation, and credits this strong working relationship among the local agencies as being the key to effectively dealing with the criminal element.

James Allen Bridges: PWIMSD Methamphetamine (4 counts), Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance, Trafficking In Opiates, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Felony Maintain Dwelling to Store/Sell Controlled Substances. \$150,000. secured bond.

Allison Kyndall Bridges: Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. \$3,000. secured bond.

Aimee Elizabeth Ciufu: PWIMSD Methamphetamine, Possession of Schedule IV Controlled Substance, Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. \$3,000. secured bond.

Shane Lewis Hamrick: outstanding warrants were served for Failure to Pay Child Support, Probation Violation, Resisting Public Officer, and other misdemeanor Failure to Appear bench warrants. \$32,000. secured bond.

Casey Colin: issued a citation for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.



James Allen Bridges



Aimee Elizabeth Ciufu



Shane Lewis Hamrick



Allison Kyndall Bridges

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Union County Crimestoppers at 704-283-5600

