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MEDIA RELEASE

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Sheriff William R. Barker releases information regarding the seizure of over forty (40) pounds of marihuana in Perry County.

On March 25, 2016, Deputies with the Perry County Sheriff's Office along with Agents from the Central Ohio Drug Enforcement Task Force (CODE TF) and the Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) executed a search warrant at the address of 5667 Township Road 22 / Glenford, Ohio after information had been received that the property owner, identified as 44yr old Shawn R. Morrison was cultivating marihuana inside his residence and was also planning an underage drinking party to celebrate his teenage son's birthday.

As a result of the search, Agents and Deputies seized a total of 129 marihuana plants that, once weighed, totaled over 40.4 pounds. The estimated street value of the marihuana seized is \$132,310. In addition to the marihuana seized, agents also confiscated ten (10) firearms, methamphetamine and currency from the home. A total of eighteen (18) arrests were made with fourteen (14) of those arrests being for underage alcohol consumption / possession by OIU Agents. The juveniles found at the scene were all transported to the Hopewell Township Fire Department for processing and released to their parents.

Three (3) adults were arrested on both felony and misdemeanor counts stemming from drug possession / manufacturing. Shawn Morrison is incarcerated at the Southeast Ohio Regional Jail in Nelsonville on one count of Illegal Cultivation of Marihuana – a felony of the second degree with a juvenile specification. Morrison will likely face additional charges once his case is presented to the Perry County Grand Jury. This is the second time Morrison has been caught growing marihuana in his home. Morrison was convicted in 2001 for illegal cultivation of marihuana in Licking County after CODE Task Force agents executed a search warrant on his home at 3158 Cypress Bend Drive / Newark, Ohio.

A representative of the Ohio Investigative Unit released the following statement:

"The Ohio Investigative Unit is a component of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Agents are plain-clothed fully sworn peace officers charged with enforcing Ohio's alcohol laws, food stamp violations and removing the criminal element from Ohio's liquor permitted premises."



Shawn R. Morrison
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