



MARSHALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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Joint investigation leads to arrest of Marshall County Residents in Drug Conspiracy

Marshall County Iowa - During the early morning hours of September 1, 2010, law enforcement officials arrested several people in the Marshall County, Iowa area on federal charges involving a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, announced U.S. Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt.

These early morning arrests involved over fifty law enforcement officers from local, state, and federal agencies, who also served four search warrants related to this on-going investigation.

Those arrested in this investigation and Charged with Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine* are identified as, :

Residents of Marshalltown:

Armas, Soraya, Age 41

Armas-Sanchez, Juan, Age 32

Flores-Silva, Alfredo, Age 26

Woodard, Megan Kathleen, age 23

Armas, Seopoldo Antonis "Tony", Age 35

Reyes, Juan, Age 18

Resident of Liscomb, Iowa:

Boucher, Donald Paul, age 52

Resident of Steamboat Rock, Iowa:

Armstrong, Debra, Age 52

Charged with Aiding and Abetting a Felon in Possession of a Firearm**:

Resident of Marshalltown:

Calderon, Omar, Age 31

All nine defendants listed above are currently being held without bond pending their appearance before the U.S. Magistrate for the Southern District of Iowa, in Des Moines, Iowa.

This case is being investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Marshall County Sheriff's Office, the Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force, the Marshalltown Police Department, the Mid-Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, the Iowa Department of Public Safety's Division of Narcotics Enforcement, the Hardin County Sheriff's Office, and the Des Moines Police Department.

Additional agencies involved in this morning's search warrants and arrests were the Tama County, Grundy County, and Polk County Sheriff's Offices.

The public is reminded that an complaint is merely an accusation, and that the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

As this is an on-going investigation and is pending before the United States District Court, the United States Attorney's Office requests that you direct all of your media inquires to the U.S. Attorney's Public Information Officer, Mike Bladel at (515) 473-9342.

*The penalty for Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine ranges between ten years to life in prison, up to a four million dollar fine, or both, and five years of supervised release after the completion of the prison sentence.

**The Penalty for Aiding and Abetting a Felon in Possession of a Firearm is up to ten years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both and up to 3 years of supervised release after the completion of the prison sentence.

About Marshall County Sheriff's Office

The Marshall County, Iowa Sheriff's Office is lead up by Sheriff Ted G. Kamatchus. Sheriff Kamatchus is committed to keeping communities and neighborhoods safe in Marshall County.

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