



# MARSHALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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**Rural Melbourne drug search warrant**

Van Cleve (rural Melbourne, IA) - A search warrant has led to the arrest of a rural Marshall County man now charged and held in jail due to felony drug offense allegations.

On December 20, 2017 agents with the Central Iowa and Mid Iowa Drug Task Forces served a search warrant at 2929 Lafayette Avenue in the unincorporated community of Van Cleve (rural Melbourne, Iowa).

As a result of this investigation one suspect was arrested and jailed on various criminal drug charges:

Martin Leon-Morales, age 36 of VanCleve

- Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance w/ intent to Deliver (Methamphetamine) B-Felony
- Tax Stamp Violation – D Felony

Officers collected evidence of methamphetamine use and a quantity of methamphetamine with a potential street value of \$5000.

The Mid-Iowa and Central Iowa Drug Task Forces were assisted by the Marshall County Sheriff's Office and Marshalltown Police Department.

Leon-Morales made an initial court appearance on 12/21/17 and was held on a \$100,000 cash bond.

The Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force is funded by a grant through the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.

**About Marshall County Sheriff's Office**

The Marshall County, Iowa Sheriff's Office is led by Sheriff Steve Hoffman and is committed to keeping communities and neighborhoods safe in Marshall County.

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