



## **Brown County Sheriff's Office**

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### **Press Release**

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A Brown County Grand Jury recently indicted multiple individuals after a 7-month long investigation into a drug trafficking organization responsible for bringing pounds of methamphetamine from Dayton to the Brown County Area. This investigation was a collaborative effort involving the Brown County Drug & Major Crimes Task Force, Brown County Sheriff's Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Mount Orab Police Department, Ripley Police Department, Dayton DEA, and the Dayton Police Department.

This investigation is a great example of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies working together to help take down a complex drug trafficking organization that resulted in the seizure of a large amount of methamphetamine, cocaine, and marihuana, as well as five firearms.

The individuals were charged with the following:

Justin White (Dayton, Ohio)

Count 1: Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity (F-1)

Count 2: Trafficking in Drugs Major Drug Offender (F-1)

Count 3: Trafficking in Drugs Major Drug Offender (F-1)

Count 4: Trafficking in Drugs (F-2)

Count 5: Trafficking in Drugs (F-3)

Count 6: Having Weapons While Under Disability (F-3)

James Odum (Mount Orab, Ohio)

Count 1: Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity (F-1)

Count 2: Trafficking in Drugs Major Drug Offender (F-1)

Count 3: Trafficking in Drugs (F-1)

Count 4: Trafficking in Drugs (F-2)

Count 5: Trafficking in Drugs (F-2)

Count 6: Possession of Drugs (F-1)

Count 7: Possession of Drugs (F-1)

Count 8: Possession of Drugs (F-2)

Count 9: Possession of Drugs (F-2)

Count 10: Possession of Drugs (F-5)

Count 11: Possession of Drugs (F-4)

Count 12: Improperly Handling Firearms in a Motor Vehicle (F-4)

Count 13: Having Weapons While Under Disability (F-3)

Count 14: Having Weapons While Under Disability (F-3)

Jessie Hull (Felicity, Ohio)

Count 1: Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity (F-1)

Count 2: Trafficking in Drugs Major Drug Offender (F-1)

Count 3: Possession of Drugs (F-1)

Count 4: Improperly Handling Firearms in a Motor Vehicle (F-4)

Jessica Jones (Mount Orab, Ohio)

Count 1: Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity (F-1)

Count 2: Trafficking in Drugs (F-1)

Count 3: Possession of Drugs (F-1)

Rebecca Tice (Mount Orab, Ohio)

Count 1: Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity (F-1)

Count 2: Trafficking in Drugs (F-2)

Count 3: Possession of Drugs (F-2)

Richard Sherman (Georgetown, Ohio)

Count 1: Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity (F-1)

Count 2: Trafficking in Drugs (F-2)

Count 3: Possession of Drugs (F-2)

Donald Sherman

Count 1: Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity (F-1)

Count 2: Trafficking in Drugs (F-2)

Count 3: Possession of Drugs (F-2)

Methamphetamine, cocaine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia and guns seized on a traffic stop as a result of this investigation. Brown County Sheriff's Office canine Baxter assisted in locating the drugs seized during the traffic stop.

