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Ref: Meth Lab Seizure

On May 26, 2009 Investigators and Deputies of the Coryell County Sheriff's office assisted by Investigators of the Coryell County Attorney's Office executed an Evidentiary Search Warrant at 511 Mountain Road in the South Mountain area of Coryell County.

Information leading to the search warrant was developed by the Gatesville Police Department, Coryell County Patrol Deputies and the Coryell County Sheriff's Office Narcotics & Organized Crime Section of the CID Division. The information received led to the search of this residence for a functioning clandestine methamphetamine lab, believed to be in operation in this area.

As a result of the search of the area, various components and key chemical precursors used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine were seized. Seized were enough components to manufacture approximately one ounce of methamphetamine. Some of which were already processed.

Presumptive tests were conducted on various items of evidence which tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine.

Felony warrants were issued on three suspects believed to have been involved with the clandestine methamphetamine lab.

On May 27, 2009, Douglas Wayne Herring (W/M, 25 yoa) and Sunny Nicole Herring (W/F, 33 yoa) of 511 Mountain Road, Gatesville, Texas were arrested in Palo Pinto County in connection with the investigation. At the time of the arrest, several items of evidence linking the Herring's and the third suspect to the lab were recovered by the Palo Pinto officers. Both remain in custody in Palo Pinto County awaiting transport to Coryell County.

The third suspect, Michael Allen Walker (W/M, 27 yoa), of Jones County, Texas fled the scene of the search warrant as law enforcement official approached the residence and currently remains at large.

Charges filed on the three suspects in this investigation are 1st degree felony, Manufacture or Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Penalty Group 1 in an amount of over 4 grams but less than 200 grams.

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