

Hoquiam Assists in Grays Harbor Drug Task Force Bust

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HOQUIAM, Wash. - On Tuesday December 29, 2009 at approximately 10:41 AM, Hoquiam officers assisted detectives from the Grays Harbor Drug Task Force with the service of a search warrant on a residence in the 400 block of 31st Street in Hoquiam. The raid was a culmination of an ongoing DTF heroin investigation spanning multiple counties.

DTF detectives had made multiple controlled buys from the location and secured a search warrant for the premises. During the course of the raid, six persons inside the home were detained, including the suspect who had allegedly been dealing heroin from the premises.

Detectives recovered suspected heroin from within the residence, as well as cash and other indicia that was indicative of illegal drug sales.

One 21-year old Hoquiam man and one 51-year old Hoquiam man (who is also a level I sex offender) were booked at the county jail on felony drug charges (both reside at the home). A 28-year old man who was apparently staying at the house was arrested and booked at the Hoquiam Jail on an outstanding Hoquiam warrant for disorderly conduct and obstructing a law enforcement officer. The man later posted bail to the court and was released.

The Grays Harbor Drug Task Force is a multi-agency team made up of detectives from the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Department, the Aberdeen Police Department and the Hoquiam Police Department. Detective Sergeant Keith Fouts, the DTF supervisor, characterized this raid as a "local clean up" of an alleged neighborhood drug dealer that the DTF came across while working a larger investigation.

The Hoquiam Police Department is very appreciative of the efforts of the detectives assigned to the Drug Task Force and recognize that raids such as this send a strong message to drug dealers in our neighborhoods. The homeowner will be put on official notice that subsequent drug dealing from her home may subject the property to forfeiture.