Six Arrested in Multi-State Methamphetamine Investigation

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SOUTH BEND, Wash. - Over the course of the past month, deputies with the Pacific County Drug Task Force have been working in conjunction with members of the Clatsop County Interagency Narcotics Task Force (Oregon) regarding an investigation involving the distribution and possession of methamphetamine. The two task forces shared information during the course of this investigation which culminated on January 18th 2012 resulting in the arrest of six individuals for narcotics related crimes.Three individuals, identified as Delbert R. Godwin, Jay R. Cox and Jamie A. Heslen were arrested in Clatsop County Oregon regarding charges relating to the possession and distribution of methamphetamine. All three subjects are residents of Pacific County. The three subjects were booked into Clatsop County Jail. An additional subject, identified as Patricia A. Braxton, was also arrested. She is a resident of Clatsop County.Information gathered during this investigation and the arrest of the individuals in Clatsop County led deputies from the Pacific County Drug Task Force to a residence located in the Ilwaco area. Deputies with the Pacific County Drug Task Force prepared and applied for a search warrant to serve upon the residence which was located in the 7100 block of Scarboro Lane. The Honorable Judge Douglas Goelz reviewed and granted the warrant.

Members of the Pacific County Drug Task Force were assisted in the service of the warrant by members of the Clatsop County Interagency Narcotics Task Force, the Pacific County Sheriff’s Office, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Long Beach Police Department. A search of the residence yielded suspected methamphetamine, narcotics related paraphernalia and marijuana. A firearm was also secured. Two individuals were arrested at the scene for charges relating to possession of methamphetamine. The two were identified as Randy L. Bloxham age 56 and Carl A. Hart age 60. They were transported to Pacific County Jail for booking. The joint effort regarding this investigation was aided by the recently signed Mutual Interstate Law Enforcement Assistance Agreement by the Sheriff’s of the five counties sharing borders along the lower Columbia River. The agreement includes Cowlitz, Wahkiakum and Pacific Counties on the Washington side of the Columbia River. It includes Columbia and Clatsop Counties on the Oregon side of the Columbia River.Sheriff Scott Johnson stated, “We are very pleased about the effectiveness of our partnership with Clatsop County. The success of this partnership is shown within the results of this investigation. ““The narcotics trade is very organized at times and it is obvious that it doesn’t cease due to a river separating two states.”