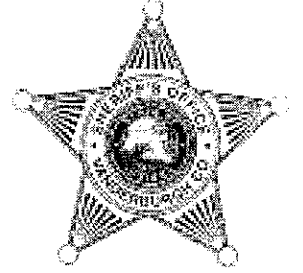




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DATE: 10/10/11
SUBJECT: Methamphetamine Lab
RELEASE NUMBER: 2011-NR-058
CONTACT: Sgt. Jason Ashworth
AUTHORITY: Lt. Doug Daza

On 10/10/11 at 6:00 pm, members of the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Joint Drug Task Force (JTF) executed a search warrant at 7400 Hogue Rd. regarding a clandestine methamphetamine lab. JTF members made entry into the home where the resident and home owner, Derek Hart, was located and taken into custody. Upon entry into the home, detectives encountered a dense chemical haze throughout the entire residence. The haze was later determined to be Hydrochloric Gas. Hydrochloric gas is used in the final stage of manufacturing methamphetamine.

Numerous items including Coleman fuel, starting fluid, anhydrous ammonia, lithium batteries, pseudoephedrine pills, and finished methamphetamine product were removed from the home. Other items commonly associated with the manufacturing of methamphetamine were discovered and destroyed due to their hazardous nature.

The Perry Township Fire Department responded to assist in the investigation, ventilation of the home, air quality testing, and in preparation of any medical emergency they may have occurred.

Arrested:

Derek J. Hart 30 years of age
7400 Hogue Rd. Evansville, IN.

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| CT. I Dealing Methamphetamine (Manuf) | CL. B Felony |
| CT II Possession of Methamphetamine | CL. D Felony |
| CT III Possession of Precursors | CL. D Felony |

