



ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: June 5, 2013 INCIDENT TIME: 08:00 AM

INCIDENT LOCATION: Northern St. Louis County

INDIVIDUAL(S) INVOLVED: (Refer to News Media Policy-Rules III A. I Thru 4; Procedures B. 1, A thru J & 1; 2b; 3b; g & h; 4a, b, & c)

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INCIDENT SUMMARY:

Numerous narcotics investigations involving the Boundary Waters Drug Task Force were concluded over the past months, which have resulted in (15) individuals being charged with various narcotics offenses in Northern St. Louis County District Courts. See the attached sheets for further information.

The BWDTF urges citizens to contact the BWDTF in Virginia at 218-749-7187 or in Hibbing at 218-262-0178 if they have questions or concerns related to narcotics activities in their area.

ASSISTING AGENCIES:

AUTHORITY: Sgt. Robert Tarr DATE : 06/05/13 TIME: 08:00 AM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

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NAME: Jesse Robert Makela AGE: 30 ADDRESS: Hibbing, MN
NAME: Amanda Jean Meittunen AGE: 28 ADDRESS: Chisholm, MN
NAME: JoAnne Louise Myers AGE: 51 ADDRESS: Hibbing, MN

On April 25, 2013, Makela, Meittunen, and Myers were formally charged in Carlton County District Court in Carlton, MN with one felony count each of 2nd degree Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) as a result of an investigation conducted by members of the BWDTF. The BWDTF was assisted by the East Central Drug Task Force, Pine CO SO, Carlton CO SO, Cloquet PD, and MN State Patrol. Makela's next court appearance is set for June 20, 2013 in Carlton, MN. Meittunen's next court appearance is set for July 10, 2013 in Carlton, MN. Myers' next court appearance is set for June 26, 2013 in Carlton, MN.

NAME: Jennifer Lynne Hasbrouck AGE: 30 ADDRESS: Hibbing, MN

On May 1, 2013, Hasbrouck was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Hibbing, MN with one felony count of 3rd degree Sales of a Controlled Substance (Oxycodone) as a result of an investigation conducted by the BWDTF. Her next scheduled court appearance is set for June 20, 2013 in Hibbing, MN.

NAME: Ryan John Alsaker AGE: 24 ADDRESS: Forest Lake, MN

On May 3, 2013, Alsaker was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Hibbing, MN with two felony counts of Sale of a Simulated Controlled Substance and Sale of a Non-Controlled/ Simulated Substance for Substantially Excessive Consideration as a result of an investigation conducted by the BWDTF. His next court appearance is set for June 6, 2013 in Hibbing, MN.

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NAME: Herman Carl Lambert AGE: 56 ADDRESS: Hibbing, MN

On May 8, 2013, Lambert was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Hibbing, MN with one felony count of 1st degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Prescription Medications) as a result of an investigation conducted by members of the BWDTF. Lambert's next court appearance is set for July 11, 2013 in Hibbing, MN.

NAME: Olivia May Hanegmon AGE: 34 ADDRESS: Chisholm, MN

On May 13, 2013, Hanegmon was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Hibbing, MN with one felony count of 3rd degree Sales of a Controlled Substance (Morphine) as a result of an investigation conducted by the BWDTF. Her next scheduled court appearance is set for June 6, 2013 in Hibbing, MN.

NAME: Michael William Wentzlaff AGE: 46 ADDRESS: Hibbing, MN

On May 17, 2013, Wentzlaff was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Hibbing, MN with one felony count of 3rd degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Oxycodone) as a result of an investigation conducted by the BWDTF. His next court appearance is set for June 6, 2013 in Hibbing, MN.

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NAME: Mitchell Dale Saltzman AGE: 32 ADDRESS: Mt. Iron, MN

On May 10, 2013, Saltzman was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Virginia, MN with three felony counts of 3rd degree Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Public Housing Zone (Methamphetamine), Prohibited Person in Possession of a Firearm, and Store Methamphetamine Paraphernalia in the Presence of a Child as a result of an investigation conducted by members of the BWDTF and the Virginia Police Department. Saltzman's next court appearance is set for June 17, 2013 in Virginia, MN.

NAME: Ruth Andrea Thuringer AGE: 48 ADDRESS: Virginia, MN

On May 16, 2013, Thuringer was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Virginia, MN with five felony counts of 2nd degree Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell (Methamphetamine), 3rd degree Sale of a Controlled Substance (Opana), 3rd degree Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell (Oxycodone), 3rd degree Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell (Clonazepam) and 5th degree Possession of a Controlled Substance (Lorazepam) as a result of an investigation conducted by the BWDTF. The St. Louis CO SO assisted with the investigation. Her next scheduled court appearance is set for June 17, 2013 in Virginia, MN.

NAME: Michelle Marie Sailor AGE: 21 ADDRESS: Eveleth, MN

On May 17, 2013, Sailor was formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Virginia, MN with two felony counts of 5th degree Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) and Store Methamphetamine Paraphernalia in the Presence of a Child as a result of an investigation conducted by the BWDTF. The Eveleth PD assisted with the investigation. Her next court appearance is set for June 7, 2013 in Virginia, MN.

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NAME: Jason Michael Anderson AGE: 37 ADDRESS: Mt. Iron, MN
NAME: Nichole Nina Gibson AGE: 33 ADDRESS: Eveleth, MN

On May 10, 2013, Anderson and Gibson were formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Virginia, MN. Anderson was charged with four felony counts of 2nd degree Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), Prohibited Person in Possession of a Firearm, and (two counts) Store Methamphetamine Paraphernalia in the Presence of a Child. Gibson was charged with three felony counts and one misdemeanor count of 2nd degree Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), (two counts) Store Methamphetamine Paraphernalia in the Presence of a Child and Obstructing the Legal Process. Both were arrested as a result of an investigation conducted by members of the BWDTF. The Eveleth PD and Arrowhead Regional Corrections assisted in the investigation. Anderson's next court appearance is set for June 17, 2013 in Virginia, MN. Gibson's next court appearance is set for July 15, 2013 in Virginia, MN.

NAME: Bradley Arthur Unzeitig AGE: 20 ADDRESS: Buhl, MN
NAME: Mackenzie Jean Melbo AGE: 19 ADDRESS: Buhl, MN

On May 17, 2013, Unzeitig and Melbo were formally charged in St. Louis County District Court in Hibbing, MN with one felony count each of 5th degree Possession of a Controlled Substance (Marijuana) as a result of an investigation conducted by the St. Louis CO SO- Hibbing and BWDTF where a small marijuana grow operation was discovered in a residence in the City of Buhl. Unzeitig's next scheduled court appearance is set for June 13, 2013 in Hibbing, MN. Melbo's next scheduled court appearance is set for June 10, 2013 in Hibbing, MN

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