

GENESEE LEAD AND LAPEER COUNTY TIP RESULT IN ARRESTS

TNU officers have arrested an Arkansas man for manufacturing methamphetamine. The investigation began with a report of stolen anhydrous ammonia in Lapeer County. At the same time, officers received a tip out of Genesee County regarding a meth lab in Lapeer County. Linking the information together, officers from the Flint Area Narcotics Group (FANG) and TNU officers obtained a search warrant for an Elba Township residence. A 38-year-old male from Arkansas was discovered operating the lab. A second suspect from Lapeer County was also present and was arrested. The Arkansas suspect was extradited back to Arkansas for parole violations, the Lapeer County suspect is serving time in the county jail.

EXAMPLE OF DRUG TRAFFICKING NETWORK

TNU officers, assisted by the Tri-County Metro Narcotics Squad, Western Wayne Narcotics Team and deputies from Ingham and Eaton Counties have concluded their investigation into the delivery of marijuana with the arrest of two Lansing men.

TNU officers arrested two men from Delta Township in Eaton County. They were charged with multiple counts of Delivery of Marijuana, Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana and being Habitual Offenders.

Using information obtained from the execution of drug warrants and arrests in Lapeer County, TNU officers were able to piece together information tying the Delta Township suspects with drug activities in Lapeer County. TNU officers then contacted officers from Tri-County Metro Narcotics Squad who were able to purchase marijuana from the suspects. Additional suspects were also identified in Lapeer County and arrests were made. TNU officers seized more than 40 pounds of marijuana while search warrants in Eaton County generated additional amounts of marijuana, over \$25,000 in cash, and four weapons.

COMMANDER'S COLUMN



D/Lt. Mitch Krugielki

Michigan State Police

We are all well aware that there is a direct correlation between drugs and crime in our community. We also know that criminals do more than destroy lives, they also steal the sense of safety, well being and freedom in our community.

Armed with this knowledge, community leaders and law enforcement agencies in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, and Tuscola counties partnered with the Michigan State Police and federal agencies to establish the Thumb Narcotics Unit (TNU). TNU is a multijurisdictional team with one common goal in mind, removing drug dealers from our community's streets and neighborhoods, so you can live your life with a sense of peace and tranquility.

The concept of TNU is based on the simple premise that no one agency has the ability or resources to respond single-handedly to the drug problems in our area. Therefore, we had to look at combining our talent and resources into a strong specialized drug enforcement

As a citizen of Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac or Tuscola counties, you stand to benefit greatly by the collective efforts of TNU. Whether using local street enforcement

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efforts, interdiction, education/prevention, or taking full advantage of the highly specialized crime fighting tools offered by state and federal agencies, TNU officers are committed to making a difference in our community.

While cocaine and marijuana still seem to be the drugs of choice found in many of our communities, now on the scene, and positioned to spread like a brush fire, is METHAMPHETAMINE. Many counties across the state have seen an alarming increase in methamphetamine clandestine labs (cooking sites), and meth related crimes and activities.

**TNU's Goal:
Removing drug dealers from streets and neighborhoods, and restoring a sense of peace and tranquility in our community.**

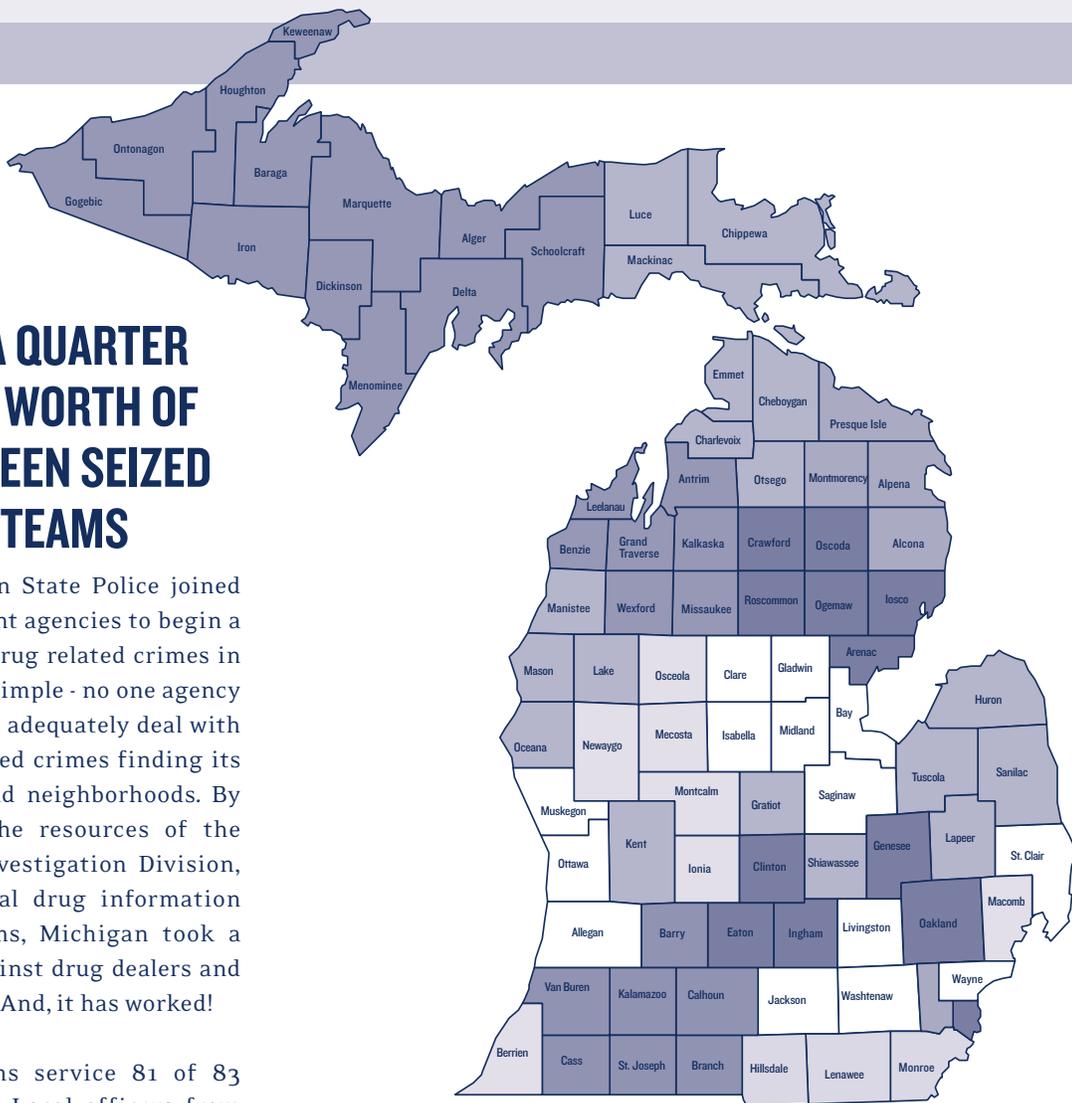
team, aimed specifically at removing drug criminals from our streets.

As Commander of TNU, I am convinced that by combining the talent, resources and technology of our local agencies with those of state and federal agencies, we are more successful in our drug fighting efforts. As you can see by the 2003 numbers, we investigated 338 cases, made 166 arrests and stopped the dissemination of more than \$1,725,000 worth of drugs directed toward the children, family and friends in our communities.

Methamphetamine is like no other drug we have seen before in this area, especially due in part to the fact that it is manufactured (cooked) right here in our community and not imported as is the case with other illegal drugs. As you read about methamphetamine in this newsletter, you will see how deadly and dangerous this drug really is. I encourage you to become aware of the dangers associated with methamphetamine, to report any suspicious activities, and to help TNU officers in their efforts to keep this devastating drug from taking over our community.

**TO REPORT DRUGS AND DRUG DEALERS CALL (877) 868-8477
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LOCAL MULTIJURISDICTIONAL DRUG TEAMS HAVING IMPACT ON MICHIGAN DRUG EFFORTS



SINCE 2000, ALMOST A QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF STREET DRUGS HAVE BEEN SEIZED IN MICHIGAN BY DRUG TEAMS

In the Spring of 1977, the Michigan State Police joined with local and county law enforcement agencies to begin a new concept in fighting drugs and drug related crimes in local communities. The concept was simple - no one agency had all the manpower or resources to adequately deal with the increase in drugs and drug related crimes finding its way into Michigan communities and neighborhoods. By combining local resources with the resources of the Michigan State Police, Criminal Investigation Division, along with state police and federal drug information identification and tracking systems, Michigan took a major step in bringing the fight against drug dealers and drug related crimes to the local level. And, it has worked!

Currently, multijurisdictional teams service 81 of 83 counties in the State of Michigan. Local officers from approximately 550 city and township law enforcement agencies, county deputies from 81 counties and troopers from the Michigan State Police are assigned to these task forces. The teams are funded in part through the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Drug Control Policy, Michigan State Police, and local governing bodies.

Just in the past four years, the multijurisdictional task forces have been responsible for arresting and removing approximately 14,450 drug criminals from our neighborhoods, streets and schools. In four years, the local task forces have also removed more than \$274,478,398 in street-drugs from local communities—drugs intended for our children and loved ones. As a result of the dedicated efforts of the multijurisdictional teams, tens of millions of dollars in assets and property that would have been used to continue drug trafficking in our communities - has been seized and removed from drug dealers.

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B.A.Y.A.N.E.T.	Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team	989/790-6581
C.M.E.T.	Central Michigan Enforcement Team	989/352-6738
F.A.N.G.	Flint Area Narcotics Group	810/233-3689
H.U.N.T.	Huron Undercover Narcotics Team	989/356-3395
J.N.E.T.	Jackson Narcotics Enforcement Team	517/784-2990
M.A.G.N.E.T.	Mid-Michigan Area Narcotics Enforcement Team	989/725-7254
M.E.T.	Metropolitan Enforcement Team	616/456-4801
S.A.N.E.	Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement	231/238-8692
S.S.C.E.N.T.	State, Sheriffs, Chiefs Enforcement Team	231/843-7045
S.T.I.N.G.	Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group	989/345-2304
S.W.E.T.	South-West Enforcement Team	269/962-1225
T.N.T.	Traverse Narcotics Team	231/922-0993
T.N.U.	Thumb Narcotics Unit	989/673-8600
T.C.M.	Tri-County Metro Narcotics Squad	517/394-5588
U.P.S.E.T.	Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team	906/346-9289
W.E.M.E.T.	West Michigan Enforcement Team	616/994-6520
C.O.M.E.T.	County of Macomb Enforcement Team	586/790-3990
W.W.N.	Western Wayne Narcotics	734/397-9811
D.R.A.N.O.	Down River Area Narcotics Organization	734/479-1710
L.A.W.N.E.T.	Livingston and Washtenaw Narcotics Enforcement Team	810/227-7897
O.M.N.I.	Office of Monroe Narcotics Investigations	734/848-3445

THUMB NARCOTICS UNIT TAKING DRUGS & DRUG CRIMINALS

Off our streets



TNU PARTNERS WITH U.S. BORDER PATROL

An investigation by TNU has resulted in the arrest of three Mexican nationals and the seizure of cocaine and marijuana. TNU officers began their investigation early in the year based on information supplied by the Imlay City Police Department. Two of the suspects were turned over to the U.S. Border Patrol. Further investigation revealed that one of the suspects was wanted on a nationwide extradition warrant for the distribution of dangerous drugs. A third suspect faces charges of delivery of cocaine and marijuana.

SIX-MONTH INVESTIGATION ENDS WITH DOCTOR'S ARREST

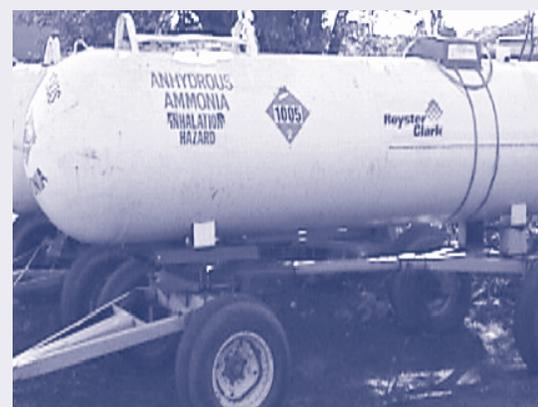
A joint investigation between TNU and the DEA/Detroit Diversion Unit resulted in the arrest of a Lapeer County doctor.

A Federal indictment alleges that as far back as 1997, the doctor was involved in the distribution of schedule 2 and 3 prescription narcotics in the Lapeer County area. TNU and DEA officers executed search warrants at the suspect's residence in Grand Blanc, Genesee County, and at the doctor's office in North Branch, Lapeer County. The doctor was indicted on conspiracy to distribute controlled drugs by a federal grand jury and was charged with an additional 74 counts.

ANHYDROUS THEFTS INDICATE ACTIVE METH LAB

TNU officers have arrested a Caro man for stealing anhydrous ammonia from a local cooperative and for possessing precursors used to manufacture methamphetamine. TNU officers began their surveillance of the Fairgrove Cooperative after reports of several thefts of anhydrous over the past six months. In the early morning hours, officers observed the suspect stealing anhydrous and after a short foot chase the suspect was arrested. Both the suspect and a TNU officer had to be treated at the Caro Community Hospital for injuries resulting from contact and inhalation of anhydrous ammonia.

A second suspect was also captured. The second suspect was believed to



have been the individual who dropped off the suspect at the Cooperative, with plans to pick up the suspect after stealing the anhydrous ammonia. When the second suspect's vehicle was searched, TNU officers found lithium strips and ephedrine. Both are precursors used to make methamphetamine.

TNU 2003 DRUG FIGHTING STATS

TOTAL CASES

106

NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED

56

DRUG SEIZED / PURCHASED

\$808,097

(STREET VALUE)



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