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SEARCH WARRANT NETS NUMEROUS ARRESTS

SUFFOLK, VA (May 22, 2015) The Suffolk Police Department Special Investigations Unit and the Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET) executed a narcotics search warrant on Thursday, May 21st at a residence in the 2000 block of Meadow Country Road in the rural Whaleyville borough of Suffolk after an extensive investigation.

Once the residence was secured it was found that a marijuana manufacturing operation was being conducted at the residence. During the search of the property 129 marijuana plants, a significant amount of heroin and items related to the distribution of marijuana were seized. Also seized was approximately \$25,000 in cash, approximately \$26,000 in gold bullion, and eight vehicles estimated at \$46,000. Bank accounts in the estimated amount of \$11,000 were also seized and frozen. Other seized items included electronics, extravagant clothing and other household items at an estimated value of \$9,000.

As a result of the investigation, four individuals have been charged to date:

- William Thomas Smith, IV, age 52, of Suffolk, arrested on charges of Fail to Appear out of Southampton County, Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin

- Christopher Andrew Salkey, age 31, of Suffolk, arrested on charges of Fugitive from Justice South Carolina – Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin, Manufacture Marijuana for Others to Use, Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin
- Teresa Zobeida Fritts, age 28, of Suffolk, arrested on charges of Manufacture Marijuana for Others to Use, Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin
- Garth Andrew Salkey, age 64, of Suffolk, arrested on charges of Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin, Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin While in Possession of a Firearm, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

The investigation is ongoing and additional narcotics and firearms charges are pending.

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