



WEST SOUND NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM KITSAP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Narcotics investigation leads to Olympia arrests

Olympia, Thurston Cnty, Wash. -- Detectives with the West Sound Narcotics Enforcement Team (WestNET) conducted an investigation here yesterday which resulted in the arrest a 34 year-old male in a public parking lot for the sale of one-half pound of crystal methamphetamine.

Further investigation led investigators to a duplex located in the 1000 block of Yew Avenue, also in Olympia. WestNET detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence, which led to the arrest of two additional males, both in their mid-twenties. The males admitted to selling methamphetamine for profit.

WestNET seized approximately one kilo of crystal methamphetamine which has a street value of \$84,000. Approximately one-half pound of the seized meth is believed to be pure uncut ICE. The task force also seized nearly \$30,000 in U. S. currency, \$2,600 in counterfeit bills, and two vehicles, which the suspects admitted to purchasing with proceeds from drug sales. Charges are pending.

Regional law enforcement agencies that supported this operation were:

- Naval Criminal Investigative Service
- Olympia Police Department
- Pierce County Sheriff's Department
- Washington State Department of Corrections
- Washington State Patrol K-9 Unit

WestNET is a multi-agency narcotics task force that is funded by the U. S. Department of Justice and hosted by the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office. Participating agencies include: Bremerton Police Department, Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, Mason County Sheriff's Office, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Poulsbo Police Department, Port Orchard Police Department, Shelton Police Department and the Washington State Patrol.

WestNET's mission is to disrupt and reduce mid-to-upper level drug traffickers and manufacturers in the region, support counter-drug efforts of other law enforcement agencies, and aggressively prosecute those persons responsible for controlled substance violations.

Concerned citizens with information about marijuana growers, drug dealers, or other narcotics related activity may call WestNET at: (360) 337-7064. All callers can remain anonymous.

For callers in the North Kitsap, Bainbridge Island, Olalla, and Mason County areas, WestNET has a toll free number: 1-800-585-TIPS (8477).

The State of Washington offers a **24-hour Marijuana Hotline** number for information leading to the arrest of marijuana growers. All calls are confidential and may result in rewards up to \$5,000. This number is: 1-800-388-GROW (4769).

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