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SHERIFF'S OFFICE TAKES ACTION ON DRUGS IN OUR SCHOOLS

MOUNDVILLE – Sheriff Kenneth Ellis, Chief Ken Robertson and Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Brandon Croom initiated a school lockdown at Hale County High School on Wednesday April 8th for suspicion of drug activity. Hale County Sheriff's K-9 Unit and deputies were assisted by members of the State Bureau of Investigation, Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit, Wilcox County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit, Greensboro Police, and members of the 17th Judicial Drug Task Force. A total of five K-9 drug detection dogs were utilized to search the school building as well as vehicles in the parking lot. One 17 year old w/m and one 17 year old b/m were detained by law enforcement after marijuana, alcohol and tobacco products were found in their vehicles. Sheriff Ellis said, "the time for community meetings about drugs in our schools has passed, it is now time for action for those who weren't listening". The Sheriff said he had spoken with the Superintendent as well as the two Chiefs of Police in Moundville and Greensboro and decided it was time to act.