



# *HALE COUNTY*

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## **OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE**

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### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE EXECUTES SEARCH WARRANT IN HAVANA, NETS DRUGS & WEAPONS**

HAVANA – At approximately 8:00 pm on March 30<sup>th</sup>, Hale County Sheriff's Deputies served a search warrant at #90 Ponderosa Rd in Havana. Upon arrival sheriff deputies, with assistance from Moundville Police, discovered approximately 12 – 15 lbs of marijuana processed to sell, approximately 17 weapons, over 2000 rounds of ammunition, military issue bulletproof Kevlar vests, and a cultivation operation for marijuana at the residence. Deputies received tips from the public of a strong odor coming from the residence and numerous vehicles coming to and from the residence at all hours of the night and day. Deputies took Joshua Wade Wyatt, w/m, 33 years of age into custody. Mr. Wyatt was transported to the Hale County Jail, where he was charged with Unlawful Manufacturing of a Controlled Substance, Trafficking Marijuana, and Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Mr. Wyatt is currently being held under a 1.5 million dollar bond. Chief Deputy Jason McCrory, who oversaw the operation, praised the efforts of Deputy Andrew Dillard and Deputy Willie Bryant for their diligent work in this 6 month investigation. "I would also like to commend Asst. Chief Keith Burch and his team from the Moundville Police Department for assisting us with this operation. We are thankful that no one connected with this operation was injured and everything went smoothly". Sheriff Ellis said more arrests connected with this operation are anticipated.