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SHERIFF DECLARES WAR ON METH

Sheriff Kenneth Ellis announced this week that on September 9th deputies from the Hale County Sheriff's Office raided a residence on Millwood Road, south of Greensboro. Sheriff Ellis stated the suspects, Charles Tucker, 39 and Wade Johnson, 34 were in the process of "cooking" methamphetamine when deputies arrived. Tina Tucker, who was also at the residence was taken into custody. All three suspects were arrested and charged with trafficking methamphetamine, unlawful manufacturing of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. The arrest came as a result of an investigation by Narcotics Agent D.L McGuire, of the Hale County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff confirmed the group had the illegal meth lab set up in a travel trailer next to their residence. Two juveniles, under the age of 16, were also present in the home. These children were removed from the home and placed in a safe environment, by Hale County deputies and Hale County DHR. All suspects are currently being held in the Hale County Jail under \$551,000 bonds. Sheriff Ellis would like to thank Sheriff Keith Hannah and the Bibb County Sheriff's Office Meth Lab Unit for their rapid response to the scene. "Because of their training and experience in busting methamphetamine labs and the equipment at their disposal, BCSO was able to properly dismantle the volatile chemicals and dispose of the lab on scene. We greatly appreciate their assistance", Sheriff Ellis said. The Sheriff would also like to thank officers from the Greensboro Police Department and agents from the 4th Judicial Drug Task Force for their assistance. Sheriff Ellis also wanted to send a warning to the people who may be manufacturing methamphetamine in Hale County; " I will aggressively pursue and prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law. Meth is a disgusting plague on society and I will not allow you to peddle this toxic garbage to our children, so sleep well tonight, you will see me tomorrow !"