

CHATHAM-SAVANNAH COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM

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Press Release

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CNT Search Warrant Results in Seizures of Drugs, Guns, and the Removal of Dogs

SAVANNAH, Georgia (January 27, 2020): One person is out on bond following an investigation by the Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team (CNT).

In the morning hours of Friday, January 24, 2020, CNT, with assistance from Savannah Police Eastside Crime Suppression Unit, executed a search warrant at a residence located in the 1300 block of East 70th Street in Savannah. The search warrant resulted in the seizure of ecstasy (MDMA), marijuana, and items commonly associated with the distribution of controlled substances. Also seized were three firearms to include an AR-15 assault rifle, more than \$1,100, and 17 pit bulls, most of which were puppies. Chatham County Animal Control safely removed all of the animals.

CNT arrested the homeowner, 36-year-old Ralph McBride of Savannah. McBride was charged with multiple felony charges to include Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon and Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute. Additional charges are expected. McBride is a convicted felon from an early 2000 incident involving the hijacking of a motor vehicle.

CNT's investigation into McBride began in December 2019 following an anonymous tip from Savannah-Chatham County CrimeStoppers. The tipster noted McBride was selling narcotics from the residence, was a felon in possession of firearms, and was breeding pit bulls. The tipster also suggested juveniles were present at the house while drugs were being sold.

Said CNT Director Everett Ragan, "This case highlights the successful outcome we see when the community and law enforcement work collectively to stop criminal activity."

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