

CHATHAM-SAVANNAH COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM

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Press Release

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CNT Arrests Wanted Person and Seizes a Large Amount of Methamphetamine

March 25, 2019 (POOLER, Georgia): Information sharing leads to the arrest of a person wanted for a serious crime as well as a seizure of a large amount of methamphetamine.

On March 22, 2019, the Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team (CNT) and the United States Marshals Service Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force conducted a joint operation into 30-year-old Jason Barker, a known methamphetamine dealer in Chatham County. The operation led law enforcement officials to a Best Western Hotel (155 Bourne Avenue) in Pooler, Georgia, where Barker was arrested without incident. A search of Barker's hotel room was conducted resulting in the seizure of a large amount of crystal methamphetamine, cocaine, and items commonly associated with drug distribution. Nearly \$5,000 and a vehicle were also seized. The seized drugs have an estimated street value of up to \$5,000.

Barker was on parole through Clayton County, Georgia, and wanted for Parole Violation at the time of his arrest. In addition, Barker was also wanted by the Chatham County Police Department for Aggravated Assault and Terroristic Threats. Barker was served with the various warrants and also charged with multiple felony drug charges by CNT. He is currently being held in the Chatham County Detention Center.

Said CNT Director Everett Ragan, "This case highlights multiple agencies working together and sharing information for one goal. I am thankful for the outstanding outcome and thankful for our close working relationships."

CNT's investigation is ongoing and additional charges and arrests are possible.

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