

CHATHAM-SAVANNAH COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM

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CNT Search Warrant Results in Seized Drugs and an Arrest

CHATHAM COUNTY, Georgia (May 31, 2019): One person is in custody following a search warrant of a residence in unincorporated Chatham County.

Early yesterday evening, the Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team (CNT) with assistance from the Savannah Police SWAT team, executed a search warrant at a residence located in the 100 block of West Tahoe Drive. The search warrant resulted in the seizure of various forms of drugs to include powder and crack cocaine and items commonly associated with the manufacturing and distribution of controlled substances. A firearm, nearly \$5,000 in cash, and other items of interest were also seized.

CNT arrested one of the homeowners, 34-year-old John Antonio Smith. Smith was charged with various felony charges to include Possession of a Controlled Substance (Cocaine) and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. This marked Smith's fourth CNT arrest. He is currently being held at the Chatham County Detention Center.

CNT's investigation into Smith and the residence began following information from a concerned citizen who alerted CNT that Smith was cooking crack cocaine as well as selling various forms of controlled substances throughout Chatham County.

Said CNT Director, "This is a prime example of the work CNT does every day and how the community aids in the fight against drugs. Without the initial complaint made by a concerned citizen, Mr. Smith could have easily still be able to poison our community."

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