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Joint Operation Leads to Large Seizure of Crystal Methamphetamine and Firearms

SAVANNAH, Georgia (November 1, 2018): Multiple people were arrested following a joint operation between the Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team (CNT) and Savannah Police Department (SPD).

Early yesterday afternoon, CNT and the SPD's Central Precinct Crime Suppression Unit conducted a joint operation at a residence located near the intersection of West 54th Street at Bull Street. During the operation, undercover law enforcement officers observed unusual activity occurring at the residence, which is commonly associated with drug distribution and use. Through the use of various investigative techniques, law enforcement conducted a search of the residence after securing all suspects without incident.

The search resulted in the seizure of nearly three ounces of crystal methamphetamine, marijuana, and four firearms, one of which returned stolen. Approximately \$1,000 and a vehicle were also seized. Arrested during the operation were 25-year-old Bryan Hobbs, 23-year-old Sierra Wright, 25-year-old Ciera Stone, and 27-year-old Dennis Ruth III, all of Savannah. Hobbs was charged with multiple felony charges to include Trafficking Methamphetamine, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) with Intent to Distribute, Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Crime and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. Wright was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) and Possession of Marijuana. Both Hobbs and Wright remain in the Chatham County Detention Center. Stone and Ruth III were charged with Possession of Marijuana and have since been released on bond.

CNT's investigation into the residence began in October after undercover agents identified the location as a distribution hub for crystal methamphetamine. Hobbs was quickly identified and was the main focus of the investigation.

The seized methamphetamine has an estimated street value of up to \$9,500.

The investigation is ongoing and additional charges and arrests are possible.

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