

Countywide Drug Crackdown Promises To Be 'An Ongoing Thing'

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loudly barking at the sound. He gets almost as excited about finding guns as he does uncovering drugs.

The weapon turns out to be clean. It was legally purchased at a Shalotte pawn shop. The clip is loaded with 31 rounds of ammunition powerful enough to rip through their stoutest protective vest. The officers have no choice but to return it to the owner, who saunters off into the darkness.

"Bad boys. Bad boys. Whatcha gonna do? Whatcha gonna do When they come for you?"

And so the night wears on as the convoy visits other known drug hangouts and the homes of indicted suspects. Before long the van is filled. On Monday morning it leaves again, this time bound for another notorious crack-dealing hangout in the Phoenix area.

"This is just the beginning. It's going to be an ongoing thing," said narcotics officer Mike Speck in describing the new stepped-up enforcement effort. "We've targeted areas where we've received specific complaints about drug activity."

"We will continue to target those areas and others," Speck said. "But we will need public support. So if you have a problem with drugs in your neighborhood, call us and we'll look into it."

The sheriff's department also raided a known drug area in Southport last week with assistance from the Southport Police Department. License checks set up at several of the known trouble spots yielded numerous arrests and traffic citations, Speck said.

Among those arrested during first round Operation War Paint were:

■ Hollie Lee Daniels, 32, of Longwood, charged with two counts each of selling and delivering cocaine and conspiracy to sell and deliver cocaine.

■ Jerry Hemmingway, 29, of

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Narcotics Officer

Longwood, charged with two counts of possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and two counts of selling and delivering cocaine.

■ William Anthony Daniels, 38, of Ash on one charge of possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and one count of selling and delivering cocaine.

■ Frankie Lee Pigott, 22, of Longwood on one count each of possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, selling and delivering cocaine and conspiracy to sell and deliver cocaine.

■ Linwood Purcell Stanley, 43, of Calabash on three counts of possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and three counts of selling and delivering cocaine.

■ Lafayette Hewett, 34, of Supply on a parole violation and one charge of possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana.

■ Gary Lee Walrath, 38, of Supply on one charge each of possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, selling and delivering marijuana, possession of less than a half-ounce of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Timothy Earl Street, 40, of Holden Beach on one count of possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana and one charge of selling and delivering marijuana.

■ Mary Jane Hudson, 41, of Holden Beach, for allegedly failing to appear in superior court on charges of possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana and selling and delivering marijuana.

■ Marshall Donnell Radford, 38, of Leland on two counts each of selling and delivering cocaine and possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine.

■ Debra Shepard Hunter, 26, of Leland on two counts of conspiracy to sell and deliver marijuana.

■ Gregory Keith Moore, 34, of Southport on charges of selling and delivering cocaine and possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine.

■ Freddie Elmer Smith, 36, of Southport on three counts of selling and delivering cocaine and three counts of possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine.

■ Alvin Rodey Phelps, 42, of Southport on charges of selling and delivering cocaine and possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine.



STAFF PHOTOS BY ERIC CARLSON
WANTED on charges of violating parole and marijuana possession, Lafayette Hewett of Supply is frisked by narcotics officer Doug Todd and questioned by Mike Speck during an arrest on Turkey Trap Road Friday night.



TOM HUNTER of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department searches a suspect outside "the shed" in Longwood Friday evening as Detective Charlie Miller stands guard.



COLONEL, the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department's drug identification and tracking dog, searches a pickup truck at a home in Supply where a man was arrested on charges of selling marijuana. With him is Colonel's handler, narcotics officer Kevin Holden.

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