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Sheriff Lavender reports that his office along with agents from the U.S. 23 Task Force executed a search warrant on a mobile home located at the 400 block of U.S. Rt. 23 South on 12/11/2013.

Members of the Ross County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team entered the residence at approximately 10:30 p.m. and secured the residence. The residence was occupied by 6 adult males, 4 adult females, and one juvenile female.

Detectives and Agents from the Task Force began a search of the residence. Large amounts of what is presumed to be heroin was discovered. Investigators also discovered multiple drug abuse instruments, large sums of cash, multiple firearms to include pistols and assault rifles, and numerous items that are believed to be stolen property. Due to the extensive amount of evidence in the residence investigators are still collecting items and processing the scene. The search warrant was executed as a result of a lengthy and ongoing investigation by the sheriff's office and the task force.

As a result of the search warrant 8 people were taken into custody. 32- year old Rodney Tackett was arrested on a warrant out of Pickaway County. Tackett was found to have a loaded firearm on his person when the warrant was executed. Also arrested were 27 year old Rodney Fyffe on a warrant out of Waverly, 24-year old Kaitlin Landrum on a warrant out of Chillicothe Municipal Court, 30-year old Arnold Haney was charged with possession of drug abuse instruments and a felony warrant out of Indiana, 34 year old Jason Hall was arrested on a warrant out of Pike County, and 23- year old Ashley Rowley was charged with Felony Child Endangering. A juvenile located on the premise was released to her grandparents after Children's Services was notified.

During the execution of the search warrant, an adult female at the residence suffered an apparent gunshot wound, and was transported from the scene by medical helicopter. Pursuant to policy, the Ross County Sheriff's Office called BCI to the scene to review the execution of the warrant.