

## **Office of Ross County Sheriff**

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## **News Release**

July 31, 2017

Sheriff Lavender reports that his office partnered with the United States Marshals Office on 07/28/2017 and 07/29/2017. During the two-day operation a total of 33 arrest warrants were served with the U.S. Marshals Office **S.O.F.A.S.T.** (Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team).

On 07/28/2017 three teams from the Sheriff's Office and Marshals Office also conducted Sex Offender Address Verifications on Tier 2 and 3 Sex Offenders in Ross County.

One of the arrest warrants served on 07/29/2017 resulted in the seizure of approximately 235 grams of Methamphetamine, approximately 2 grams of Heroin, over \$500.00 in cash, and evidence of Drug Trafficking.

Sheriff Lavender wants to express his appreciation to the Marshals Office, the U.S. 23 Major Crimes Task Force, and all of his employees who worked long hours over the twoday operation which resulted in a huge success.

Sheriff Lavender wants to send a special Thank You to his entire Corrections Staff who put in extra hours to ensure the jail continued to operate safely and efficiently even with the added work load created by the additional arrests. The corrections staff may not be in the public eye, but they are invaluable in making these operations a success.

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