

Thirteen Arrested in Hartsville Drug Purchasing Ring

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Over the past year the 15th Judicial Drug Task Force has been operating an undercover drug purchasing investigation and in a joint effort with the Trousdale County Sheriffs Department, thirteen people were arrested in Hartsville last week. According to District Attorney Tommy Thompson, they let individuals purchase drugs for a year before filing charges and then they bring all the cases to the grand jury. "A lot of these arrests were involving prescription drugs," said Thompson, "along with three TennCare fraud arrests as well."

Sheriff Ray Russell said there are still several out of county indictments that haven't been served yet.

Suspects arrested include:

Melissa Wright, age 40, 418 A. Hobbs Ave., Lebanon, fraud to obtain TennCare benefits, bond \$1,000.

Elizabeth A. Graves, age 23, 494 Wildcat Lane, Lafayette, fraud to obtain TennCare benefits (2 cts.), bond \$1,000.

Jessica Nicole Scruggs, age 26, 110 Cato Street, Hartsville, fraud to obtain TennCare benefits, (2 cts.), bond \$1,000.

Edward Jerome Stewart, age 32, 710 Taylor Ave., Hartsville, mfg./del/sell controlled substance, prescription fraud, bond \$1,500.

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Rita Kay Perry, age 44, 221 Broadway Apr. 1, Hartsville, mfg./del/sell controlled substance, bond \$750.

Tony Satterfield, age 51, Hwy. 141 N. Hartsville, mfg./del/sell controlled controlled substance, bond \$1,000.

Gary Irvin Kitts, age 49, 1763 River Valley Ct., Hartsville, simple possession, \$500.

Joshua Lee Kruder, age 22, 1234 Spring Creek Road, Lafayette, methamphetamine.

Jothan Paul Jones, age 20, 609 Stevens Circle, Lafayette, mfg./del/sell controlled, bond \$1,000.

Larry Joe Gregory, age 34, of 70 Herod Lane, Hartsville, prescription drug fraud (13 cts.), bond \$20,000.

Bruce Cothron, age 47, 100 College St., Hartsville, counterfeit controlled substance, mfg./del/sell controlled substance, bond \$1,500.

Stephanie Ford, age 34, 615 East Main Street, Hartsville, simple possession, unlawful drug paraphernalia, bond \$500.

Megan Gammons, age 19, 85 Dorothy Lane, Hartsville, unlawful drug paraphernalia.