

Lowndes County Sheriff's Office

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Media release from Sheriff Eddie Hawkins

On Tuesday, June 6, 2023, the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office Narcotics STING Unit (*Special Tactics Investigative Narcotic Group*) arrested eight people, seized over \$15,000.00 in cash and over 8 pounds of Methamphetamine during a drug trafficking investigation that began in late 2021.

An investigation was launched into the suspicious activity at a residence in a nice quiet neighborhood in the Steens community. Tips from neighbors were called in about the high amount of traffic coming to and from the residence at all times of day and night. Agents identified a suspect living at the residence as Eric Green, a known drug dealer. Through the course of this investigation, Agents were able to develop informants, able to make controlled purchases of Methamphetamine from Green, identified co-conspirators and sources of supply. Green eventually moved his distribution operation down the road to a location where he opened a BBQ stand as a front. Green was selling BBQ and Meth out of this location. That operation has now been shut down. This investigation took agents months of surveillance and numerous interviews with witnesses and defendants who gave information on Green and his drug trafficking organization. As a result of this investigation, these eight suspects were taken into custody and a significant drug dealer in our community has been taken off the streets.

Search warrants were executed at the residence of Green located 149 Cimmaron Lane and at his BBQ Stand located at 5860 Hwy 50 East. A total of approximately 8 pounds of Methamphetamine was recovered, over \$15,000.00 in cash, one hand gun and 5 vehicles were seized.

"Some people still call this low-level, non-violent crime, but it's no secret drug dealers are killing people in our community slowly by selling their poison to our children, as well as many loved-ones who are battling severe addictions. This occurred in a nice, quiet neighborhood. Methamphetamine destroys lives, degrades communities, and ruins families. These drug traffickers are profiting from the destruction and violence in our community. I'm proud of the good work our Lowndes County Narcotics Agents did to take these drugs and drug traffickers off



the street." Eddie Hawkins – Sheriff







Christopher Tyler Robertson



James **Tyrone Betts**



Antoine Brown



Andrew Antonio Clay



Jarvis Markael Thurman



Todrick Lashawn Lee



Patrick Lamont Davis

Charges:

Eric Green – Aggravated Trafficking of Methamphetamine, two counts of Sale of Methamphetamine and two counts of Conspiracy to sell Methamphetamine.

Patrick Davis - Aggravated Trafficking of Methamphetamine Andrew Clay - Aggravated Trafficking of Methamphetamine Jarvis Thurman - Aggravated Trafficking of Methamphetamine Antonio Brown - Conspiracy to sell Methamphetamine James Betts – Sell of Methamphetamine and Conspiracy to sell Methamphetamine Todrick Lee - Sell of Methamphetamine and Conspiracy to sell Methamphetamine Christopher Tyler Robertson – Possession of Methamphetamine

If you have knowledge of this case or any additional information, please contact the Lowndes



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