

CENT Team Takes Down Clatskanie Drug Dealer

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After working a 2-week undercover narcotics investigation, the Columbia Enforcement Narcotics Team (CENT) on Monday executed two search warrants in Clatskanie, arrested three subjects on drug charges (and a fourth subject on a warrant), and recovered cash and controlled substances in the service of the search warrants.

CENT served consecutive search warrants at the addresses of 428 NW 5th Street #5 and 500 SW Bel Air Drive, both inside the City of Clatskanie. In the service of the search warrants, investigators found controlled substances, including methamphetamine and Oxycodone; they also found evidence of drug trafficking and recovered a small amount of cash.

Law enforcement took the following people into custody: Randy Houle, 27, Clatskanie; Crystal Hansen, 33, Clatskanie; Anthony Campbell, 45, Clatskanie; and, Tashina Herrera, 31, Clatskanie. Houle was charged with: 2 counts each of Manufacture and Delivery of Methamphetamine; 1 Count of Delivery of Methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a school; 1 Count of Delivery of Oxycodone within 1,000 feet of a school; 3 Counts of Possession of Methamphetamine; and, 1 Count of Possession of Oxycodone. Hansen was charged with: 2 counts each of Manufacture and Delivery of Methamphetamine; 1 Count of Delivery of Methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a school; 1 Count of Delivery of Oxycodone within 1,000 feet of a school; 1 Count of Possession of Methamphetamine; and, 1 Count of Possession of Oxycodone. Herrera was charged with: 1 count of Possession of Methamphetamine. Campbell was arrested on an outstanding Multnomah County warrant for failure to appear.

Sheriff Jeff Dickerson credited CENT investigators for the successful two week operation: "With the reinvigorated CENT team in Columbia County, I am pleased to see this multi-agency effort bearing fruit in the North County area. For years, we have not had this kind of ability to reach drug trafficking networks and their associated effect on the livability of our neighborhoods, but

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thanks to several agencies chipping in to make the team viable again, we've been able to start taking a bigger bite out of drug-related crimes occurring in our County."

The CENT team consists of deputies from the Sheriff's Office, an officer from Scappoose Police and the participation of the local police departments in which the investigation occurs. This investigation was assisted by the Clatskanie Police Department.