



MEDIA RELEASE

STATE OF TENNESSEE
TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

"that guilt shall not escape, nor innocence suffer"

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
APRIL 14, 2010

CONTACT: KRISTIN HELM
615.744.4087 (OFFICE)
KRISTIN.HELM@TN.GOV

DEKALB COUNTY DRUG-ROUND UP TARGETS PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Nashville, TN- The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation today arrested eight defendants involved in the sale of prescription pills after they were indicted by a Dekalb County Grand Jury earlier this week after a year long, multi-agency investigation into a drug running organization in the upper Cumberland area.

Nine defendants were indicted on charges of conspiracy to sell and deliver over 50 grams of a schedule II controlled substance and violations of the drug free school zone act. The operation called "Yellow Dot" centered around the sale and distribution of hydromorphone, also known as Dilaudid. In February of 2009, TBI and the 13th Judicial District Drug Task Force received information about a string of home burglaries and shoplifting thefts by subjects who were supporting a Dilaudid habit. That information prompted the drug investigation.

The defendants were selling Dilaudid ranging from \$20 to \$30 per pill at various locations in Putnam County and Cookeville, TN. Information received during this investigation prompted the TBI to open a case into the source of the prescription drugs in Smith County and Nashville, TN. That investigation resulted in the arrest of nineteen individuals in December of 2009.

The following defendants were booked into the Dekalb County Jail. There is still an active warrant on one subject.

Amanda Cains, Gainesboro, TN
Charles Dowis, Cookeville, TN
Jerry Johnson, Gainesboro, TN
Lakrisha Willis, Livingston, TN
Ron Stewart, Gainesboro TN
Tabbie Wilson, Cookeville, TN
Ted Hooten, Gainesboro, TN
Tim Young, Gainesboro, TN