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MUTLI-AGENCY DRUG ROUND-UP NETS 20 ARRESTS

Nashville, TN- The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation along with multiple other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies arrested 20 suspects today in a drug round-up in Putnam County, TN which targeted individuals selling prescription drugs illegally.

The Putnam County Grand Jury handed down multiple indictments on 30 individuals earlier this week. The case was initiated by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office and the 13th Judicial District Attorney's Office after law enforcement received information of an illegal prescription drug problem in the Monterey, TN community that is blamed for an increase of recent overdose deaths. The operation began in September of 2009 and is culminating in today's arrests. Officers and agents made numerous undercover buys of prescription narcotics, mainly oxycontin and hydrocodone over the last several months. The suspects are facing charges ranging from selling scheduled narcotics to weapons violations.

The suspects were processed, then booked into the Putnam County Jail.