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## PRESS RELEASE

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### PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – Putnam County Sheriff's Office Shuts Down Meth Lab

During service of a warrant yesterday on Tracie Davis, 23, at 5756 Paine Road in an area north of Cookeville, Putnam County Sheriff's Office deputies discovered a methamphetamine lab in the home.

Three individuals were arrested in connection with the meth lab:

**Tracie Davis**, 23, a resident of Monterey, on charges of violation of probation and intent to manufacture methamphetamine. Davis was booked into Putnam County Jail on \$25,000 bond. She is scheduled to appear in General Sessions Court on 11/10/2014. She is also being held for charges in Rutherford County.

**Shane Newton**, 36, the owner of the home where the meth lab was found, on a charge of intent to manufacture methamphetamine. Newton was booked into Putnam County Jail on \$25,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in General Sessions Court on 11/10/2014.

**James Dillon Williams**, 26, a resident of Crossville, on charges of intent to manufacture methamphetamine and a capias from Juvenile Court. Williams was booked into Putnam County Jail on \$25,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in General Sessions Court on 11/10/2014. He is also being held for charges in Cumberland County.

According to PCSO Major Terry Hembree, the Sheriff's Office was serving the warrant on Davis when she answered the door accompanied by a Pitbull. The officers requested that she secure the dog. When they entered the home, they asked if there was anyone else in the residence. They found a male in the bedroom and another male in the bathroom. While securing the residence, they found drug evidence. They then obtained a search warrant for the home. During the search, they seized several components used in the production of methamphetamine as well as a small amount of marijuana and some pills.

Sheriff Farris said, "This meth lab confiscation is a good example of how warrant service often leads to drug arrests. I am very proud of how our Warrants Division and Sgt. Josh Reams, who is also assigned to the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force, are working hand in hand to relentlessly find and locate individuals who are wanted for criminal activity. As time goes on, we will be increasing our focus on illegal narcotics activity in Putnam County and will be relentless in our efforts to overcome this major public safety issue."

The investigation into this incident continues. Anyone with information on this incident is encouraged to contact the Putnam County Sheriff's Office at (931) 528-8484.

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