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Local Drug Task Force Wins Federal Indictments

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – On March 3, 2016, a joint task force comprised of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, Sparta Police Department, White County Sheriff's Department, 13th Judicial Drug Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) arrested David Allen Pecor and Thomas Allen of Sparta, Tennessee. The arrests followed a joint investigation led by the Putnam County Sheriff's Department Drug Investigation Division and the DEA's Nashville District Office.

"I am so proud of the work done by our Drug Investigation Division on this case," said Sheriff Eddie Farris. "In a relatively short period of time, they have managed to develop the necessary relationships to identify and apprehend drug offenders in our community and build cases that win convictions in court. They have also worked diligently to develop important cross-jurisdictional relationships with area agencies that are key in tracking and apprehending subjects who formerly might have been able to evade detection and arrest by moving their operations from one county to another. This case is a huge win for the citizens of Putnam County."

Allen and Pecor were indicted by a federal grand jury in the Middle District of Tennessee for Conspiracy to Distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine. Pecor was additionally indicted for Possession with the Intent to Distribute 50 or more grams of methamphetamine and Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime.

"Often this type of investigation can take months of hard work and we are happy to see that in this instance our hard work has paid off," said a PCSO Lieutenant who was one of the lead detectives on the case. "We were privileged to work with a terrific group of dedicated law enforcement officers to track and apprehend these individuals. We could not have accomplished this without their help."

During the investigation agents seized approximately 1-1/2 pounds of methamphetamine and approximately \$50,000 in cash. Most of these seizures occurred in Putnam County.

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