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Meth Lab Busted Near DayCare

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – On Thursday, February 4, 2016, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit assisted by K9 Deputy Caleb Meadows conducted a parole search of a residence in the 100 block of W. Gate Road in western Putnam County. Two subjects were arrested without incident and charged with Intent to Manufacture Methamphetamine and Possession of a Class II Controlled Substance. They were booked into the Putnam County Jail on \$55,000 bond per person. Loftis was also charged with Tampering with Evidence with an additional bond amount of \$5,000. The residence is located directly behind a daycare. The fact that these crimes were taking place within 1,000 feet of a childcare center will increase the penalties on all of the charges.

The following subjects were arrested and charged:

Larry Loftis – age 58

Theodore Rice – age 37

Deputies originally visited the home in response to leads regarding suspicious activity. Resident, Larry Loftis, gave consent to search the home. During the search, deputies seized cash, methamphetamine packaged for resale, and other drug paraphernalia.

"Under my administration, we will not tolerate drug activity anywhere in the county," said Sheriff Eddie Farris. "The good citizens of Putnam County don't deserve this type of activity in their neighborhoods. If you are going to be involved in operating and/or conducting illegal drug activity, we will eventually find you and arrest you."

The investigation is ongoing and is being conducted by members of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Farris expressed his appreciation to citizens of the community for providing information to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. He encourages anyone with information about illegal drug activity to call the Putnam County Sheriff's Office at 931-528-8484 or the Drug Tip Hotline at 931-525-METH (6384).

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