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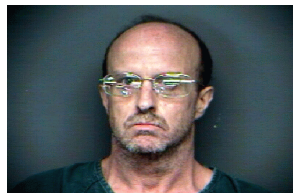
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One Arrest, One Wanted After Meth Lab Found

One person is under arrest and another is wanted after deputies located a methamphetamine lab at a residence on Lake City Highway in the Medford Community of Anderson County. On Friday, September 24, investigators with the Special Operations Unit went to the home and when they arrived an active meth lab was found. The homeowner, **Wessley Glenn Newell**, 47, was taken into custody but two others fled on foot. This was the second active meth lab found within a week.



Wessley Glenn Newell
W/M 09/24/1963 (47)
3452 Lake City Hwy
Lake City, TN

**Mfg/Del/Sale/Poss Controlled Substance
Initiation Methamphetamine Manufacture
Possession of Schedule II Drugs
Criminal Conspiracy
Resisting Arrest
Bond = \$100,000.00**

Newell remains in the Anderson County Detention Facility under \$100,000.00 bond.

One of the two persons that fled has been identified and warrants have been obtained. **Timmy Ray Byrge**, 47, is now wanted in connection with the meth lab. Investigators already had warrants for **Byrge** from a meth lab that was found on July 28 after a search warrant was served at his residence on Cane Creek Cemetery Road.



Timmy Ray Byrge
W/M 04/25/1963 (47)
114 Cane Creek Cemetery Rd
Lake City, TN

**Mfg/Del/Sale/Poss Controlled Substance (2 cts)
Initiation Methamphetamine Manufacture (2 cts)
Criminal Conspiracy
Evading Arrest**

At this time, the other individual that fled remains unidentified.



This was an active meth lab and deputies were on the scene for several hours assisted by the Tennessee Methamphetamine Task Force response truck and the Medford Volunteer Fire Department. A hazardous materials team was called for clean-up. The home and property were issued a quarantine order.



This is the seventeenth active meth lab seized by investigators in 2010. For this year, a total of some sixty-five labs, including forty-eight dump sites, have been investigated and twenty-nine persons have been arrested from meth lab investigations. This also makes six structures quarantined this year for a total of twenty-seven properties that have been issued a quarantine order since 2006.

Anyone having information on the whereabouts of **Timmy Ray Byrge** can contact the Sheriff's Communications Center at **865-457-2414** or anonymous tips may be left on the Drug Hotline at **865-463-7175**.

Sheriff Paul White