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**ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**SHERIFF PAUL N. WHITE**

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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Drug Indictments & Arrests**

Thirty-five indictments for twenty-six persons on drug related charges were returned by an Anderson County Grand Jury in the June and July sessions after investigations by the Sheriff's Special Operations Unit. Beginning Monday, July 14, deputies were out making arrests on the latest indictments as well as investigations on related drug activity.

The Special Operations Unit conducted these drug investigations over the last few months. Persons indicted for manufacture, sales, delivery, or possession either sold to undercover agents or were in possession of illegal drugs for resale. These indictments primarily include charges resulting from sale or possession for resale of prescription or legend drugs, as well as marijuana and methamphetamine related offenses.

Of the twenty-six persons indicted, nineteen were charged with prescription narcotics offenses, three were charged with cocaine offenses, three were marijuana related, and one was on methamphetamine charges.

As of Tuesday afternoon, seventeen of the twenty-six persons indicted have been arrested by sheriff's deputies including one that was already in custody. Deputies are continuing to search for the nine remaining offenders.

These indictments come after hard work by investigators of the Sheriff's Special Operations Unit. The District Attorney General's Office also spent many hours assisting investigators by preparing and presenting these cases to the Grand Jury.

The names of those arrested will be released at a later time. As some of these investigations are continuing, no additional details can be released.

Drug enforcement remains a top priority of the Anderson County Sheriff's Department. From 2007 through 2013, there were 1,603 persons arrested on drug related crimes.

**Sheriff Paul White**