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ACSD Assists Oak Ridge Police With Operation Prairie Fire

Twenty-eight persons were in custody Friday, November 6, after a round-up of drug offenders was conducted by the Oak Ridge Police Department and the Anderson County Sheriff's Department.

The Narcotics Unit of the Oak Ridge Police Department had obtained eighty indictments for forty-nine suspects after a undercover drug investigation. Dubbed "Operation Prairie Fire", this effort led to the round-up of those offenders for drug and other related charges.

Sheriff's deputies assisted Oak Ridge police officers in this operation and, by the end of the evening, twenty-two of the forty-nine wanted persons were arrested. Another six persons were already in jail on prior charges. District Attorney General Dave Clark, the Tennessee Methamphetamine Task Force, and the Counter-Drug Task Force of the Tennessee National Guard also provided assistance.

This was another successful investigation and will make a difference in reducing drug activity in Anderson County. The Sheriff's Department is always willing to help our law enforcement partners in combating crime throughout Anderson County.

For additional information on "Operation Prairie Fire" contact Chief David Beams of the Oak Ridge Police Department at 865-425-3506.

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