

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

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### **Drug Arrests in Henagar and Flat Rock**

Sheriff Jimmy Harris states as follows:

On October 22, 2009, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office received a complaint regarding drug activity on County Rd. 141 in the Flat Rock area. Equipment believed to be employed in the manufacture of methamphetamine was observed being carried into a residence at the location. Agents with the Sheriff's Office and Drug Task Force and Ider Police Department Officers arrived on the scene. Permission to search the residence was obtained from the owner.

In the garage, inside a white vehicle, was found 5 one-pot methamphetamine labs and assorted chemicals used in meth manufacture. Approximately 3.5 grams of finished methamphetamine was also discovered.

Amy Jones Blevins, 36, of Flat Rock, Danny Ray Veal, 44, who live at the location in Flat Rock, and Mark Anthony McKinney, 39, of Fort Payne, were each arrested and charged with Unlawful Manufacture of Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance.

All three individuals remain in jail at this time, awaiting bond.

Also last night, in a separate, unrelated incident, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, Drug Task Force, and Henagar Police Department Officers executed a search warrant at a residence on Brookfield Circle in Henagar. Sheriff's Deputy Jonathan Langley and Henagar Police Chief Randall Smith had been at the residence after receiving a report that there was a stolen mini-bike at the location. While at the residence, the officers found what appeared to be a one-pot meth lab lying on the ground by the carport. Deputy Langley contacted Task Force agents and a search warrant was obtained.

After arriving on scene, agents found that there was a second lab inside the residence, along with a large number of stolen items, including tools, power tools, a second mini-bike, a scooter, and a large weed eater.

Erin Leigh Key, 30, who lives at the location, was arrested and charged with Manufacturing a Controlled Substance 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Receiving Stolen Property 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. She remains in jail at this time, awaiting bond.



