

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Drug Bust

Sheriff Jimmy Harris states as follows:

On July 24, 2009 a traffic stop was the culmination of a long, extensive investigation that involved the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, DeKalb County Drug Task Force, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Etowah County Sheriff's Office, Scottsboro Police Department and the Marshall County Drug Enforcement Unit.

DeKalb County Drug Task Force Agents and Fyffe Police Department stopped a 2007 Chevrolet Avalanche on Alabama Highway 75 for a traffic violation. During the investigation, agents obtained consent to search and located controlled pills inside the vehicle. The agents then called for the Sheriff's Office K-9 Wvuum to respond to the scene. With the help of the K-9 agents were able to find crack cocaine, cocaine, a .40 cal handgun, and \$12,818 in cash. Agents arrested Rudolph "Toot" Ragland, 37, of Attalla and charged him with 2 counts of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance and Carrying a Pistol without a Permit. Ragland is being held in the DeKalb County Detention Center on No Bond until a bond can be set.

Sheriff Harris said, "This is a great example of what can happen when all agencies work together to rid our area of drugs. I would like to thank every agency that had a part in this investigation and I'm proud that this investigation ended in success."

