

MEDIA RELEASE

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Joint Operation with Marshall County Yields Drugs, Weapons

On Wednesday September 16, Sheriff Harris received a call from Marshall County Sheriff Scott Walls regarding information his office had received about a DeKalb County resident. The information, investigated by the Marshall County Sheriff's Office, indicated that substantial drug activity was taking place at a residence on County Road 53 in the Crossville area. A joint operation was organized and at approximately 7:30 p.m., Marshall County Sheriff's Office, DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, Special Response Team Members, Drug Task Force Members and K-9 Wvuum made entry on the residence. Located inside the residence, owned by Brian Keith Elwell, were over 30 weapons (including shotguns, pistols, and assault rifles), 4 ounces of methamphetamine ice, an ounce of marijuana and 1,000s of rounds of ammunition.

Arrested were Elwell, 47, of Crossville, Jeremy Tyler Wallace, 27, of Albertville, and Lauren Elizabeth Hart, 21, of Albertville. Each was charged with Trafficking in Illegal Drugs and Possession of Marijuana 1st Degree. The suspects were transported to the DeKalb County Jail, where they remain awaiting bond at this time.

Sheriff Walls said, "Because of the good working relationship between Marshall and DeKalb Counties, we were able to get these drugs and weapons off our streets." Sheriff Harris agreed, "We are pleased Sheriff Walls contacted us to share this information and the appreciate the relationship we have that enabled us to work together to make this operation run smoothly. This was a large amount of drugs and we are certainly happy to have confiscated both the drugs and the weapons."

