

MEDIA RELEASE

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Meth Lab and Meth-Making Supplies Found in Powell

Sheriff Jimmy Harris states as follows:

On Tuesday, December 29, Drug Task Force Agents received information that there was a meth lab at a residence on Haymon Street in Powell. Assisted by the Sheriff's Office and Powell Police Department, agents went to the residence and received consent to search. Inside, officers found a one-pot cook, materials used in the manufacture of methamphetamine, finished methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and marijuana.

Arrested were James Alexander Ponce, 33, and Paul Matthew Kephart, 26, both of Fyffe. Both men were charged with one count each of Manufacturing Controlled Substance 1st Degree, Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance, Unlawful Possession of Marijuana 2nd Degree, and Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Both remain in jail awaiting bond at this time.

"We were able to make these arrests thanks to information obtained by Powell Police Chief Steve Dutton. We are appreciative of the relationship we have with Chief Dutton that allows us to exchange information and get these labs and products out of the community."

