

MEDIA RELEASE

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Meth Lab Explosion

Sheriff Jimmy Harris states as follows:

At approximately 11:00 this morning, Henagar Police Chief Randall Smith and DeKalb County Drug Task Force agents went to the residence of Javier Munoz at Lot 1 on Lakeview Drive in Henagar. When officers arrived on the scene, they knocked, and heard subjects inside the residence moving around. A short time later, smoke erupted from the residence. Once the Henagar Fire Department was contacted and additional agents arrived on scene, entry was initiated. An unknown white female jumped from one of the residence windows. As the fire was extinguished, Munoz was found hiding in a smoke-filled closet inside the trailer. Agents and firemen entered the residence and took Munoz into custody. He was later transported to DeKalb Regional Emergency Room to be treated for smoke inhalation.

There were remains of a methamphetamine lab inside the residence. Two dogs were found inside as well, and were taken by the DeKalb County Animal Shelter to their facility.

Munoz will be charged with Manufacturing of Controlled Substance. The State Fire Marshal's Office has been contacted, and investigation into the incident is ongoing at this time.

