

MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

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During the period of June 8th, 2009- June 12th, 2009 the Milton Police Department executed twelve (12) separate drug search warrants. These drug search warrants were executed at the following locations:

**72 Lincoln Ave, St. Albans
143 BlueJay Drive, Georgia
43 Bellevue Street, Winooski
138 McMullen Road, Milton
101-60 West Milton Road, Milton
40 Georgia Shore Road, St. Albans
34 Cherry Street, Milton
158 Cobble Hill Road, Milton
95 Sanderson Road, Milton
245 Hardscrabble Road, Milton
42 River Street, Milton**

The search warrants were part of extensive 2-3 month investigation into the sale of drugs occurring in Milton. The investigation concentrated on twelve (12) different people selling drugs such as cocaine, crack cocaine, prescription drugs and ecstasy. Investigation revealed these people were selling these drugs to citizens in Milton and surrounding communities. A judge granted the search warrants after a lengthy investigation and controlled drug buys were made from the drug dealers. This drug investigation is a result of an increase in crime mostly related to the use and sale of drugs. These crimes included, but are not limited to robbery, burglary, car breaks and drug related deaths.

Upon execution of these search warrants the Milton Police Department located multiple firearms in the possession of several drug dealers. Such firearms consisted of assault rifles, shot guns, pistols, as well as automatic assault weapon ammunition. Also found during the search warrants were marijuana plants, illegal prescription drugs such as Oxycontin and Suboxone ready for distribution, along with large amounts of cocaine, and several thousand dollars in cash. It is estimated that approximately \$20,000-\$25,000 worth of drugs were taken off the Milton streets.

These search warrants were successfully executed with the assistance of the Colchester Police Department, Vermont Liquor Control and St. Albans City Police Department.

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Based on this investigation and after executing the search warrants a total of 17 people were arrested and charged with drug related crimes. The following people were arrested:



Michael Lajeunesse (36) of Milton was charged with felony charge of Cultivation of Marijuana. Lajeunesse is scheduled to appear in Chittenden County District Court on August 6th, 2009.

Cultivation of Marijuana: carries a penalty of imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than \$100,000.00, or both.



Jason Pidgeon (31) of Fairfax was charged with (3) counts of felony Sale of Regulated Drug. Pidgeon is scheduled to appear in Franklin County District Court on August 10th, 2009.

Sale of Regulated Drugs: carries a penalty of up to 5 years in jail and/or a fine of \$25,000.



Randy Johnson (27) of Winooski was charged with (4) counts of felony Sale of Regulated Drug. Johnson was arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant and lodged at the Chittenden County Correctional Center. Johnson is also scheduled to appear in Chittenden County District Court for the date of July 20th, 2009.

Sale of Regulated Drugs: carries a penalty of up to 5 years in jail and/or a fine of \$25,000.



Nathan Steady (24) of Milton was charged with (4) counts of felony Sale of Regulated Drugs and (1) count of Possession of a regulated drug with intent to distribute. Steady is scheduled to appear in Chittenden County District Court on July 20th, 2009.

Sale of Regulated Drugs: Carries a penalty of up to 5 years in jail and/or a fine of \$25,000.

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Kimberly Gero (23) of Milton was charged with felony Accessory to Sale of Regulated Drugs. Gero is scheduled to appear in Chittenden County District Court on July 20th, 2009.

Accessory to Sale of Regulated Drugs: carries a penalty of up to 5 years in jail and/or a fine of \$25,000.



Dustin Davis (19) of Milton was charged with (2) counts of felony Sale of Regulated Drugs and (2) counts of Sale of Crack Cocaine. Davis is scheduled to appear in Chittenden County District Court on August 6th, 2009.

Sale of Regulated Drugs: carries a penalty of up to 5 years in jail and/or a fine of \$25,000.

Sale of Crack Cocaine: carries a penalty of imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than \$100,000.00, or both.



Danielle Trombly (20) of Milton was charged with (1) count of Accessory to Sale of Crack Cocaine. Trombly is scheduled to appear in Chittenden County District Court on August 17th, 2009.

Accessory to Sale of Crack Cocaine: carries a penalty of imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than \$100,000.00, or both.



Tyler Carter (19) of Georgia was charged with (4) counts of felony Sale of Regulated Drugs. Carter is scheduled to appear in Chittenden County District Court on August 6th, 2009.

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Joshua Lowe (20) of St. Albans was charged with (4) counts of felony Sale of Hallucinogenic Drugs (Ecstasy). Lowe is scheduled to appear in Chittenden County District Court on August 6th, 2009.

Sale of Hallucinogenic Drug: carries a penalty of imprisoned not more than ten years or fined not more than \$100,000.00, or both.



Derek Bean (26) of Milton was charged with (1) count of felony Sale of Cocaine. Bean is scheduled to appear in Chittenden County District Court on July 20th, 2009.

Sale of Cocaine: carries a penalty of imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than \$100,000.00, or both.



Timothy LaFleur (26) of Milton was charged with (3) counts of felony Sale of Cocaine and (1) count of felony Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute. LaFleur is scheduled to appear in Chittenden County District Court on August 6th, 2009.

Sale of Cocaine: carries a penalty of imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than \$100,000.00, or both.



Jessie Shappy (24) of Milton was charged with (1) count of felony Sale of Regulated Drugs. Shappy is scheduled to appear in Chittenden County District Court on July 20th, 2009.

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Bradley Bessette (38) of Milton was charged with (3) counts of felony Sale of Regulated Drugs, misdemeanor Cultivation of Marijuana and Possession of a Regulated Drug. Bessette is scheduled to appear in Chittenden County District Court on July 20th, 2009.

Sale of Regulated Drugs: carries a penalty of up to 5 years in jail and/or a fine of \$25,000.

Cultivation of Marijuana: carries a penalty of imprisoned not more than three years or fined not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

Possession of Regulated Drugs: carries a penalty of imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more than \$2,000.00, or both.



Katie Cote (28) of Milton was charged with misdemeanor Cultivation of Marijuana and Possession of a Regulated Drug and Possession of a Regulated Drug. Cote is scheduled to appear in Chittenden County District Court on August 6th, 2009.

Possession of Regulated Drugs: carries a penalty of imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more than \$2,000.00, or both.

Cultivation of Marijuana: carries a penalty of imprisoned not more than three years or fined not more than \$10,000.00, or both.



Trisha Hurlburt (32) of Milton was charged with Possession of a Regulated Drug. Hurlburt is scheduled to appear in Chittenden County District Court on August 6th, 2009.

Possession of Regulated Drugs: carries a penalty of imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more than \$2,000.00, or both.

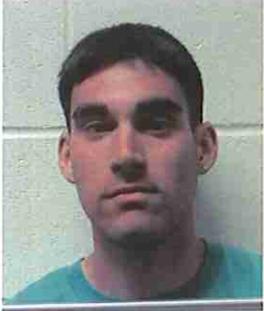


Jessica Labounty (19) of Fairfield was charged with (2) counts of felony Accessory to Sale of Hallucinogenic Drugs (Ecstasy). Labounty is scheduled to appear in Chittenden County on August 6th, 2009

Accessory to Sale of Hallucinogenic Drug: carries a penalty of imprisoned not more than ten years or fined not more than \$100,000.00, or both.

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Tyler Flynn (24) of Milton was charged with felony Possession of Marijuana. Flynn is scheduled to appear in Chittenden County District Court on July 20th, 2009.

Possession of Marijuana: carries a penalty of imprisoned not more than three years or fined not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

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