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## **Police raid nets narcotics, guns**

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OLYMPIA - Thurston County drug agents seized cocaine, ecstasy, psychedelic mushrooms and guns at a Friday raid at a rented home on Chambers Street.

The bust was the culmination of a month of work by the county's Narcotics Task Force, said sheriff's Lt. Loreli Thompson, who heads the force.

Agents in plainclothes carried items out of the drug den - including a large flat-screen TV and a nearly 6-foot-tall marijuana bong, in a neighborhood where a child's tricycle sat in the yard next door.

"Several neighbors came up to us and thanked us for doing this," Thompson said as she stood outside the residence in the 1800 block of Chambers, near a church.

Members of the county's SWAT Team swooped into the home around 10:30 a.m., busting open the front door with a battering ram, detective Paul Bakala said.

"The occupants of the house were asleep," he said. "One of them tried to flee out the window."

But none of the five people inside escaped.

Three who lived in the house were arrested - Tyson Maxwell, 26; Clinton Evander, 24; and Andrew Hughes, 22.

The drug agents allegedly seized an illegal sawed-off shotgun and a loaded Glock pistol, Thompson said. Drug paraphernalia, drug packaging materials and scales also were seized.

Thompson put the value of the drugs in the "thousands" of dollars, but said all of the evidence has not yet been weighed.

"It is part of the larger investigation," Thompson said, declining to elaborate. "The neighbors indicated they believe it's a drug house."

The three men arrested are each to be charged with suspicion of possession with intent to distribute cocaine, mushrooms and ecstasy, Bakala said. They also each will likely be charged with maintaining a dwelling for drug purposes, he said. The charges could change by the time they appear in Superior Court.

One man had a warrant from the Washington Department of Corrections. The DOC assisted with the bust.

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