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## **Vehicles seized in Ecstasy, pot probe**

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The Thurston County Narcotics Task Force seized three vehicles believed to have been purchased with illegal drug money, along with drugs, a gun and several thousand dollars while executing five search warrants at three commercial addresses in Olympia and two Thurston County residences on Monday, the task force commander said.

The illegal drug trafficking investigation that culminated with the execution of Monday's search warrants began in the spring, said Task Force Commander Lt. Loreli Thompson. The investigation concerns marijuana and "quite a bit" of Ecstasy trafficking, she said.

The Thurston County SWAT team and federal Drug Enforcement Agency agents from Tacoma assisted with serving the search warrants on Monday, she said.

Eric Nevils and Darius Wilson were arrested, Thompson said.

A jail official said Monday that Nevils is being held at the Thurston County jail on suspicion of maintaining a dwelling for drug purposes and unlawful possession with intent to distribute marijuana. Wilson is being held on suspicion of unlawful possession with intent to distribute a synthetic narcotic; possession of a firearm by an offender; and possession of a synthetic narcotic while armed, she said.

Two search warrants served Monday were at addresses next to each other in the 2400 block of Harrison Avenue Northwest. They house a tire rim shop that did not appear to have opened for business Monday, Thompson said. The third commercial address that was served with a search warrant Monday is an auto detailing shop in the 2600 block of Parkmont Lane Southwest, she said.

The two residences served with search warrants Monday were in the 2700 block of Timber Court Southeast and the 8100 block of Sweetbrier Loop, a news release from the narcotics task force states.

The ongoing drug investigation concerns whether "the proceeds of drug sales were used to buy high-ticket items," Thompson said. The investigation is ongoing, she added.