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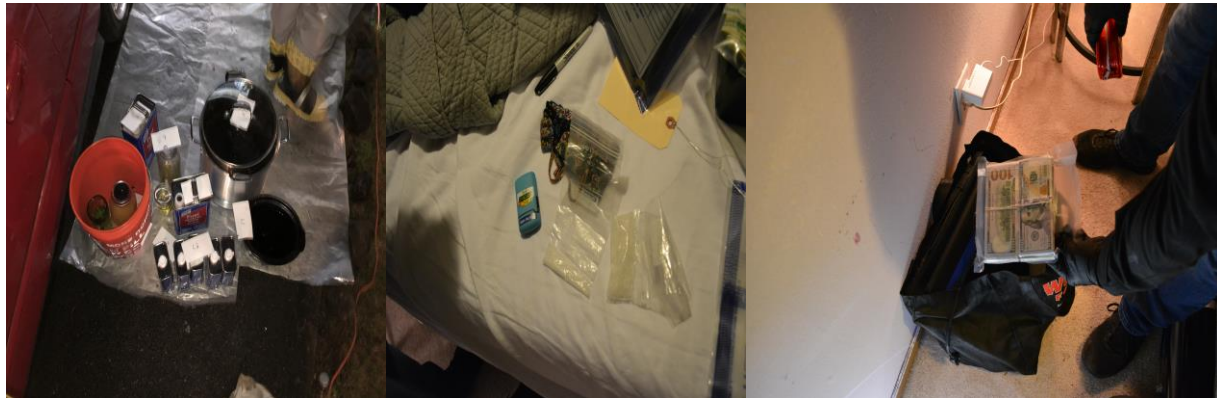
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Headline: Seizure of a methamphetamine conversion clandestine lab.

Details:



THURSTON COUNTY NARCOTICS TASK FORCE



On January 8th, 2020 at approximately 1pm., the Thurston County Narcotics Task Force contacted a residence in the 5000 block of 75th Ave. SW Olympia, Thurston County, Washington.

At the residence, task force members located and arrested 37 year old Jacob D. Sloboda of Olympia for an outstanding federal arrest warrant for the charge of unlawful delivery of methamphetamine and heroin. The warrant was the result of a prior TNT investigation into local and regional illegal drug trafficking organizations.

During the contact, TNT members developed probable cause for the issuance of a search warrant for the residence concerning the unlawful manufacture of methamphetamine. Specifically, a conversion lab by where liquid state methamphetamine is processed into it's marketable crystalized form. WSP SWAT Clandestine Lab Team responded to assit TNT in processing and evidence recovery.

Also arrested at the scene for outstanding DOC Warrants were 37 year old Crystal R. Chappell of Olympia, 34 year old Christopher L. Turner of Olympia and 23 year old Sheyanne R. Walker of Shelton.

Case investigation concenirng the manufacturing crime is still on going at the time of this press release. Historically, the presence of clandestine methamphetamine labs in our Thurston County community has been idol for over ten years. The Task Force is committed to ensuring that historical trend remains.

The Thurston County Narcotics Task Force is a collaboration of local, state and federal agencies including the Thurston County Sheriff's Office, Washington State Gambling Commission, Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board, Washington State Patrol, Washington State Department of Community Corrections, Homeland Security Investigations and The Bureau of Alchol, Tobbaco, Firearms and Explosives.