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No Welcome for Drug Traffickers in Kilgore

Kilgore, TX -- In May of 2011 the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) joined in the efforts of local law enforcement agencies, the Kilgore Police Department and the Rusk County Sheriff's Office, to bring down a methamphetamine trafficking organization. The organization was responsible for the purchasing, selling and distribution of large quantities of crystal methamphetamine (ICE) in the Kilgore and Rusk County Areas. In November of 2011, after an extensive investigation, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas indicted the following members of the trafficking organization:

- David Christopher Wheeler, 29 year of age, of Kilgore, Texas
- Raelene Dawn Ferguson, 26 years of age, of Kilgore, Texas
- Bret Glynon Bates, 49 years of age, of Kilgore, Texas
- Terri Rhea Young, 49 years of age, of Kilgore , Texas
- Matthew Dean Willis, 24 years of age, of Kilgore, Texas
- Devyn Leigh Quada, 19 years of age, of Jefferson , Texas
- Harold Burgess Dickens, 41 years of age, of Mesquite, Texas

They were each indicted on the following three counts:

- Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute more that 50grams of pure methamphetamine
- Possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine
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All seven have been arrested on the indictments and are currently awaiting trial. Kilgore Patrol Division played a significant role in the development of the investigation.

The Kilgore Police Department maintains a zero tolerance in regards to illegal narcotics and narcotic trafficking. The Department will continue to pursue a swift and aggressive drug enforcement strategy. We hope to send a clear message that drugs and drug dealers are not welcome in our community!

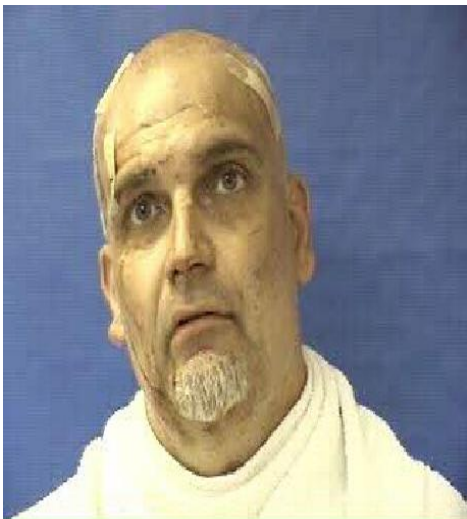
Mathew Willis



Devyn Quada



Harold Dickens



Bret Bates



Terri Young



Raelene Ferguson



David Wheeler

