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PRESS RELEASE

Multiple Arrests in Joint Investigation Into the Sale and Possession of Heroin

Chittenden County, VT – 5/28/14 – On May 27, 2014 at approximately 3:05PM, members of the Vermont Drug Task Force, along with the Burlington and Colchester Police Departments executed a search warrant at 48 Hegeman Avenue in Colchester, VT. The search warrant was issued after a lengthy investigation into the sale and distribution of heroin from the residence. During the search of the property, more than 1,500 bags of heroin were seized as evidence along with a large amount of US currency.

Matthew Wilbert, age 29 of Colchester, VT was cited for multiple felony charges for the sale of heroin. Wilbert was lodged on a parole violation. Magan Tsounis, age 27 of Burlington, VT was cited and released with a citation for one felony sale of heroin.

Earlier the same day, members of the Colchester Police Department executed a search warrant on Harrison Avenue in Burlington with the assistance of the Burlington Police Department and the Vermont Drug Task Force stemming from the same investigation. During the execution of that search warrant, several other arrests were made.

Adam Brown, age 37 of Burlington, was charged with numerous felony charges for the sale of heroin; and was lodged for lack of \$20,000 bail. Marquese Jones, age 23 of Newark (NJ), was charged with one felony charge for the sale of heroin; and was lodged for a lack of \$50,000 bail. Aliquan Umstead, age 28 of Newark (NJ), was charged with numerous felony charges for the sale of heroin, and conspiracy to traffic heroin; and lodged for a lack of \$50,000 bail. And Jahlil Marsh, age 23 of Newark (NJ), was charged with one felony charge of conspiracy to traffic heroin; and was lodged for a lack of \$10,000 bail. These individuals were lodged at the Chittenden County Correctional Facility and are scheduled to be arraigned today, May 28 in Chittenden County Court.

Mug shots attached, except for Adam Brown.

This investigation is a collaborative effort between the Vermont Drug Task Force, Colchester Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The investigation is still ongoing and more arrests are expected.

