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COOPERATIVE EFFORT LEADS TO SEIZURE OF DRUGS AND TWO ARRESTS IN NICEVILLE



The Okaloosa County Multi-Agency Drug Task Force (DTF) today conducted a raid in the City of Niceville.

Based upon a narcotics investigation by Sheriff's Investigators and a Niceville Police Detective, a search warrant was obtained for 133 Mulry Drive in Niceville.

DTF personnel seized 16 individual baggies, packaged for distribution, each containing approximately one ounce of mid-high grade marijuana. Drug paraphernalia and other evidentiary items were also collected.

The suspect of the investigation, James Puddubny was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. Michael Puddubny, the suspect's brother, was arrested for outstanding warrants on narcotics charges from Washington County Arkansas and vehicle traffic charges from Washington County Florida. Additional local charges are pending.

Chief David Popwell of the Niceville Police Department has provided a full time detective to the Drug Task Force, expanding the cities abilities to investigate clandestine laboratories and other narcotic offenses as well as the support of additional task force manpower without additional expense to the city's residents. This detective, by participating in the task force, has the ability to investigate narcotics crimes occurring in the county that may have an impact on the city.

The Okaloosa County Multi Agency Drug Task Force is comprised of personnel from the Okaloosa Sheriff's Office, Niceville Police Department, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and task force officers of the Drug Enforcement Administration and Department of Homeland Security/ICE.

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