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Warren County Sheriff Kevin Harrison is proud to disseminate the 4th quarter activity report for the East Central Drug Task Force.

The East Central Drug Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional drug task force which serves Audrain, Montgomery, and Warren Counties. Additionally, the task force serves the city of Bowling Green, in Pike County, Missouri. Participating law enforcement agencies of the task force include the Audrain County Sheriff's Office, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Warren County Sheriff's Office, Bowling Green Police Department, Mexico Public Safety Department, Montgomery City Police Department, and the Vandalia Police Department. The task force is under the direction of the participating Sheriff's and Chief's of Police, and the daily operation is supervised by the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

The East Central Drug Task Force focuses their efforts on drug enforcement by conducting both covert and overt narcotics investigations in the counties and cities they serve. The task force reported the following amounts of drug seizures as a result of their enforcement efforts in the previous quarter (October 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012).

Methamphetamine – 2,148 grams
Marijuana (processed) -- 16,167 grams
Marijuana plants -- 5 plants
Synthetic drugs (synthetic marijuana/synthetic cocaine-methamphetamine) -- 27 grams
Pseudoephedrine -- 237 grams
Prescription drugs/pills -- 395 units

During the previous quarter (listed above), the East Central Drug Task Force also seized thirteen (13) firearms, disassembled twenty (20) methamphetamine drug laboratories, served fourteen (14) search warrants, and arrested forty-nine (49) persons accumulating a total of fifty-nine (59) separate drug charges.

The East Central Drug Task Force credits their success to local and surrounding law enforcement agencies' and the public's cooperation. If you have any information regarding a possible methamphetamine laboratory, growing of marijuana, or other information about the distribution of narcotics, please contact your local law enforcement agency or you can call the following toll free numbers to reach the East Central Drug Task Force. **1-888-823-METH(6384) or 1-800-BAD-WEED(223-9333)**. All callers have the option of remaining anonymous.