



## BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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### Media Release

Incident: Special Methamphetamine Investigation / Enforcement Detail  
Location: Boone County  
Date & time: Second week of March 2009  
Case Number: Numerous

#### Details:

Methamphetamine is a very dangerous, destructive, and addictive drug. The Boone County Sheriff's Department believes methamphetamine related activities to be a serious threat to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Boone County. Investigating methamphetamine related incidents remains a priority for the Sheriff's Department.

During 2008 and the first few months of 2009, the Sheriff's Department has seen an increase in meth related incidents ranging from meth dump sites, to possession of meth, to complete methamphetamine labs.

In a proactive effort to gather information and investigate methamphetamine activity in Boone County, the Sheriff's Department in cooperation with the Centralia Police Department and Ashland Police Department, is visiting selected locations and contacting selected persons during the second week of March 2009.

At the time of this release this endeavor has resulted in the following:

- 7 arrests
- 17 adults contacted
- 8 locations visited
- 4 methamphetamine labs seized

This is an ongoing effort which will continue as new information is obtained.

The following are details of the arrests:

- Ryan Leach, age 27, of Ashland for manufacturing a controlled substance (meth) with-in 2000 feet of a school, possession of a controlled substance (meth), and endangering a child in the first degree. His bond was set at \$125,000.
- David Harmon, age 36, of Centralia for manufacturing a controlled substance (meth) and possession of under 35 grams of marijuana. His bond was set at \$15,000.
- Beau Leach, age 27, of Columbia was issued a summons for driving while suspended.
- Titus Brice, age 30, of Columbia for manufacturing a controlled substance (meth) and a failure to appear/open alcohol container warrant out of Montgomery County. His bond has yet to be set.
- David Atterbury, age 36, of Columbia for possession under 35 grams of marijuana.
- Michael Sexton, age 33, of Columbia for possession under 35 grams of marijuana.
- Ethan Shaffer, age 19, of Columbia for a failure to appear/DWI warrant out of Callaway County

The following are locations of the meth labs discovered and seized:

- 4300 block of O'Neal Road in Columbia, MO
- 601 E. Liberty Lane in Ashland, MO
- 11650 Varnon School Road in Hallsville, MO
- 2410 Grandview Circle in Columbia, MO

Picture of the persons arrested for manufacturing methamphetamine are included.

Anyone who has information can submit tips at the Sheriff's Department website <http://www.showmeboone.com/SHERIFF> and click the anonymous tips link on the left side.



Ryan Leach



David Harmon



Titus Brice

**All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.**

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