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Operation Fresh Start

Rocky Mount, N.C. — Over the past several months, The Rocky Mount Police Department's Special Operations Division conducted numerous narcotics investigations to help improve the quality of life for our communities. As a result of these investigations, Operation Fresh Start has led to the arrest of 18 individuals with a variety of serious drug-related offenses. These individuals were arrested with the assistance of the following agencies:

- Edgecombe County Sheriff's Office
- Homeland Security Investigations
- Nash County Sheriff's Office
- Nashville Police Department
- US Marshals Carolina's Regional Fugitive Task Force

Law enforcement officials executed a search warrant in the 300 block of South Tillery Street, seizing over 147 grams of marijuana and crack cocaine. During the execution of the warrant, the suspect, Dangelo Williams, a 30-year-old male, was not at the residence. However, warrants were obtained for PWISD Marijuana, Possession of cocaine, Maintaining a Dwelling Place for Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

"These arrests are the result of citizen complaints, tips, and a lot of outstanding investigative work by the Rocky Mount Police Department's Special Operations Division. I appreciate the assistance of our law enforcement partners who participated in the apprehension of these individuals," said Rocky Mount Police Chief Robert Hassell. "Illegal drug activities and sales negatively affect our community. The Rocky Mount Police Department will continue efforts to make our streets and communities safer."

The following individuals were arrested and charged during Operation Fresh Start:

1. Coley, Brittany – Possess Heroin, Felony Breaking and Entering, Assault and Battery, Probation Violation
2. Draughn ,Larry Darnell – Possess Cocaine
3. Gonzalez, Lacy – Carrying a concealed weapon
4. Hardy, Anthony Blake – Trafficking Heroin
5. Hedgepeth, Jamar Anthony– Sell / Deliver Methamphetamine

6. Hucks, Heather - Possess Cocaine
7. James, Arthur Maurice – PWISD Cocaine
8. Jones, Yasisn Nasir – PWISD Heroin, Poss. Heroin, Maintain dwelling, Conspiracy
9. Mitchell, Antoine Markee – PWISD Cocaine (4 counts)
10. Overton, Amanda – Possess Cocaine
11. Peace, Jalen – PWISD a Counterfeit Controlled Substance
12. Pendergrass, Stephen Craig – Possess Heroin
13. Pridgen, Williams Thomas – PWISD Heroin
14. Reaves, Lennon Fay – PWISD Cocaine
15. Speight, Deloris – Sell / Deliver Heroin
16. Thomas, Timothy – PWISD Cocaine
17. Vester,Justin – Possess Heroin
18. Young, Timothy – Possess Cocaine, PWISD Cocaine, Maintaining a dwelling, Conspiracy

About Rocky Mount: The city of Rocky Mount, located in the Coastal Plains of North Carolina, was incorporated in 1867 and lies in Edgecombe and Nash Counties. Rocky Mount is a two-time All-America City on the Tar River. Serving as the Gateway to Eastern North Carolina, the city's 875 employees serve approximately 58,000 residents daily.

The city's mission is to advance community well-being, safety and quality of life by delivering excellent public services and actively collaborating with the community towards a fulfilling and inspired future for its citizens. As a publicly-owned utility, the city of Rocky Mount is committed to safe, reliable service for its customers and operates in Nash and Edgecombe counties, providing customers with electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater (sewer), refuse, recycling and/or stormwater services. To learn more, visit www.rockymountnc.gov for news and updates.

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