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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **OPERATION PAIN TRAIN**

#### **Bedford County, the Epicenter of Illegal Prescription Pill Distribution in Central and Southwest Virginia – The Hammer Has Dropped**

Operation Pain Train was initiated by Bedford County Sheriff's Office, Drug Investigators in October of 2009. It originally started as a Counterfeit Money/Prescription Pill Distribution Case involving many of the same players that were indicted in Pain Train. Soon after initiating the case, an overdose death of methadone occurred. The methadone had been obtained from an illegal sale of the prescription medication. There was at least one other overdose death attributed to this operation.

There were several search warrants completed by Investigators of the BCSO and arrests were made in reference to the Counterfeit Money Operation. The focus was then turned to Narcotics Distribution and the Illegal Sale of Prescription Medication.

Bedford County Sheriff's Office was ably assisted by the Virginia State Police, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, and **vigorously prosecuted** by the US Attorney's Office, Western District of Virginia. This investigation would not have been as successful as it turned out to be had it not been for the close knit association of all of these 'team players' and their overriding desire to 'Sweep the field clean' of the criminal elements that would ply their illegal trade to the citizens of Bedford County and other locations. Their efforts resulted in the indictments of 37 people on charges pertaining to the distribution and illegal sale of illicit narcotics and prescription medication.

The investigation took our investigative team to Virginia, DC, North Carolina, Florida and New Jersey

The 37 defendants are listed on the attachment along with time to be served, which totals to 170 years of prison time!

Judge Norman Moon, Western District, US Federal Court, Lynchburg, Virginia, presided over each of the 37 court hearings and his sentencing should have left no question in the minds of those who would choose the illegal drug trade as a business venture...don't do it in the Western District of Virginia!

Property crimes have dropped since this case has been finalized.

See Attachment

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# Operation Pain Train Defendants

| <b>Name</b>        | <b>Time to be served</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Bryant Reynolds    | 108mo/9years             |
| Jeff Reynolds      | 72mo/6years              |
| Mark Campbell      | 90mo/7.5years            |
| Matt Barlow        | 90mo/7.5years            |
| Chad Overstreet    | 60mo/5years              |
| George Lynch       | 48mo/4years              |
| Dana Parker        | 66mo/5.5years            |
| Danielle Reynolds  | 66mo/5.5years            |
| Elizabeth Reynolds | 21mo/1.75years           |
| Chris O'Neal       | 72mo/6years              |
| Josh Surprenant    | 12mo 1 day               |
| Ronnie Cupp        | 204mo/17years            |
| Cory Mowles        | 52mo/4years              |
| Jerry Woolwine     | 52mo/4years              |
| Wendy Hanner       | 8years                   |
| Johnny Rohton      | 47mo/4years              |
| Kevin Jessee       | 36mo/3years              |
| Tony Abee          | 48mo/4years              |
| Robert Van Arsdale | 32mo/2.6years            |
| Jennifer Kirsche   | 36mo/3years              |
| Scottie Andrews    | 36mo/3years              |
| Andy Dooley        | 12mo 1 day               |
| Brandon Turpin     | 48mo/4years              |
| Jimmy Wheat        | 30mo/2.5years            |
| Les Chris Burns    | 136mo/11.4years          |
| Eric Nichols       | 60mo/5years              |
| Teddy Gillespie    | 84mo/7years              |
| John Gillespie     | 45mo/3.75years           |
| Matt Miles         | 42mo/3.5years            |
| Reva White         | 42mo/3.5years            |
| Timmy White        | 42mo/3.5years            |
| Tammy Henderson    | 24mo/2years              |
| Timmy Nichols      | 41mo/3.5years            |
| Colton Massie      | 24m/2years               |
| Lewis Carroll      | 41mo/3.5years            |
| Edgar Rawlings     | 42mo/3.5years            |
| Jeff McCormick     | 166mo/13years 8mo        |