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Press Release
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MAJOR DRUG DEALER ARRESTED IN BEDFORD COUNTY

On Tuesday August 16th, 2016, Investigators from the Bedford County Sheriff's Office Vice Unit, assisted by the Town of Bedford Police Department, executed a search warrant for 912 Grand Arbre Dr in the Town of Bedford. The search warrant was in reference to the distribution and sale of cocaine from the residence.

The investigation began when members of Bedford County Sheriff's Office Vice Unit purchased an amount of powder cocaine from Gerry Staples on two different occasions which then led Investigators to obtain a search warrant for the residence.

Inside the residence, Gerry Staples who resides at that address, was located. Investigators recovered \$11,670 in cash, approximately 10 grams of powder cocaine packaged in separate bags along with plastic bags and other items commonly associated with the distribution of illegal narcotics, several sets of digital scales that contained white residue and a black tactical stock shotgun.

On January 17, 2013 Gerry Staples was a victim of a drive by shooting and possible home invasion at 1477 Centerville Rd, Bedford Va. This case concluded with four arrests ranging from burglary at night, wearing a mask in public, maliciously shooting into an occupied dwelling, robbery, and the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Through numerous interviews conducted in this case Investigators believe that this incident was also narcotics related.

Gerry Staples is a two time convicted felon. Both felony convictions stemmed from the sale and distribution of controlled substances in Bedford County.

With the arrest of Gerry Staples, the Bedford County Sheriff's Office Vice Unit has taken another major drug dealer off the streets.

Staples was transported to the Blue Ridge Regional Jail in Bedford. He is charged with, two counts of Distribution of Schedule I or II controlled substance, Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine, Possession of a Firearm while in Possession of a Schedule I or II controlled Substance, and Possession of a Firearm by a convicted felon. He is being held without bond.

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Gerry Junior Staples
DOB - 12/15/1978



Cash \$11,670.00, Powder Cocaine, Digital Scales, Shotgun.