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Update: LCSO Investigation into Illegal Methamphetamine Drug Manufacturing Operation Leads to Arrests

On Monday January 11, 2010, at approximately 3:30p.m., Leon County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 6988 Veterans Memorial Highway in reference to the report of an illegal methamphetamine manufacturing operation. The illegal drug manufacturing activity was discovered after the chemicals used to create methamphetamine caused an explosion inside the residence. Methamphetamine is a powerful stimulant and is manufactured in clandestine laboratories. Drug dealers use a dangerous mixture of household chemicals to manufacture methamphetamine which can cause explosions and fires. The force of the explosion blew out most of the structure's windows, which led to the eventual discovery of the drug manufacturing activity.

Leon County Sheriff's Office VICE Detectives responded to the scene, obtained a search warrant for the residence and began an investigation. During the investigation it was determined that Ashlee Brooks and Kevin Brooks had been living at the residence and had stockpiled the chemicals needed to produce methamphetamine. Arrest warrants were obtained for the Brooks for the Possession of Listed Chemicals (to produce methamphetamine). Today the U.S. Marshals Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force located and arrested the Brooks at the Baymeadows Homestead Suites in Jacksonville, Florida (8300 Western Way). The investigation into the Brooks' illegal drug manufacturing activities continues and additional charges could be filed in the future.

Arrested:

Kevin D. Brooks
DOB: 03/30/1970

Ashlee M. Brooks
DOB: 11/16/1980

Charges:

Possession of Listed Chemicals

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