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Vice Unit Shuts Down Local Cocaine and Marijuana Operation

A large scale cocaine and marijuana distribution operation has been stopped following a long term investigation investigated by the Leon and Wakulla County Sheriff's Offices. During April of 2008 LCSO deputies arrested Joseph Chester, 02/25/1944, charging him with Trafficking Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Sell, and related drug charges. During a search of his home and a storage unit, deputies seized evidence of the drug trafficking operation and over \$50,000 in cash.

Chester has been identified by deputies as key player in the organization. Chester remains in the Leon County jail with no bond. Additional arrests have been made as a result of this extensive investigation.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said "taking this group down has put a dent in the cocaine and marijuana sales in southern Leon County and the surrounding area".

Campbell added "this case is far from over, additional arrests are expected".

This remains and open and ongoing investigation.



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