

LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Walt McNeil, Sheriff

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LCSO Narcotics Unit Makes Drug Bust Near Local Elementary School and Church

The Leon County Sheriff's Office Vice Unit served a search warrant, at approximately 9:30 a.m. this morning, on a residence located at 2122 Holton Street. Upon search warrant execution, 50 year old Willie Hart and 37 year old Angela Benton were located inside the residence and secured.

Evidence seized:

Approximately 87.5 grams of crack cocaine

Approximately 100.5 grams powder cocaine

Approximately 189 grams cannabis

A large sum of US Currency (more than \$5,000)

A Walther .380 semi auto handgun

Numerous items of drug paraphernalia



The residence is located approximately 500 feet from Bond Elementary School and directly across the street from a local church.

"I'd like to thank the members of our Vice Unit for their great work on this case. I am appalled but not surprised that drug dealers would be so brazen, as to traffic drugs near the most fragile members of our community. It's because of actions like these that the Leon County Sheriff's Office will be relentless in our efforts to stop this type of activity in our community," said Sheriff Walt McNeil.

Hart and Benton were arrested and transported to the Leon County Detention Facility.



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Arrested:



Willie Hart, 50

Trafficking Cocaine, Poss. Cocaine WITS 1000' Church, Poss. Cannabis WITS 1000' Church, Poss. Firearm Convicted Felon, Poss. Drug Paraphernalia, Maintaining Drug House, Tampering W/ Evidence



Angela Benton, 37

Trafficking Cocaine, Poss. Cocaine WITS 1000' Church, Poss. Cannabis WITS 1000' Church, Poss. Firearm Convicted Felon, Poss. Drug Paraphernalia, Maintaining Drug House



