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Weekend Deputies Without Borders Operation Nets 2 Guns, 16 Arrests

Over the past weekend, law enforcement officers with the Leon County Sheriff's Office, Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, Gadsden County Sheriff's Office, and the Florida Highway Patrol partnered again for the ongoing Deputies Without Borders initiative. Last weekend's operation, in the Big Bend area, resulted in 16 arrests and two guns seized and off the streets.

In the three-day operation, which ran from May 21-23, 59 grams of methamphetamine and 117 grams of marijuana were also seized.

To reduce crime, sheriffs of the Big Bend region came together to enhance agencies' crime response capabilities by creating a joint partnership. A concentrated focus by sheriffs and partner agencies from state and federal levels are united to combat crime in our area. Deputies Without Borders serves to allow interagency support for each of the following objectives:

- Curtail the flow of illegal drugs into communities through our roadways.
- Aggressively identify and apprehend violent criminals and drug dealers.
- Assertively share information and intelligence in an effort to ensure all partners are aware of the pattern and movement of our most chronic, habitual, and violent offenders.
- Utilize shared information to enhance the closure and successful prosecution of criminals.

"This continued effort between the Leon County Sheriff's Office and our sister agencies shows what can be accomplished when law enforcement works together to make Leon County, and the Big Bend, a safer place to live, work, and play." said Leon County Sheriff Walt McNeil.



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