



## Office of Ross County Sheriff

**GEORGE W. LAVENDER, JR., SHERIFF**

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## News Release

08/19/2014

**Sheriff Lavender reports that his office was dispatched 7703 St. Rt. 28 on 08/18/2014 at approximately 10:00 p.m. The Sheriff's Office received information that Methamphetamine was being manufactured at the residence.**

**Deputies arrived and were able to get written permission to search from the owner. Deputies conducted a search and found materials consistent with the manufacture of Methamphetamine.**

**Investigators from the U.S. 23 Major Crimes Task Force, Ohio Organized Crime Commission, and the Pike County Sheriff's Office were called to the scene to collect evidence and clean up chemicals. Concord Township Fire was also called to the scene to assist.**

**Three adult males 27 year old Ashton Brown, 25 year old John Smith, and 28 year old Joshua Dingus were arrested and charged with Illegal Manufacture of Methamphetamine. A 17 year old female was released to a parent.**

**The investigation into this matter is ongoing.**