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News Release

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Sheriff Lavender reports that his office partnered with the Chillicothe Police Department, the U.S. 23 Major Crimes Task Force, and the Adult Parole Authority yesterday in a joint operation that resulted in the seizure of a large amount of drugs, cash and a stolen firearm.

On 09/22/2016 the Chillicothe Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by 32 year old Joshua D. Smith and a passenger 23 year old Taylor J. Delong. The Chillicothe Police K-9 Tobi conducted a sniff of the vehicle and alerted.

A search of the vehicle and occupants revealed over an ounce of suspected heroin, Crack Cocaine, Prescription Pills, and over \$2500.00 in cash.

The traffic stop by the Chillicothe Police was followed up by a search warrant being executed by the Ross County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. 23 Major Crimes Task Force. The search warrant was executed on a storage unit located in the 900 block of Eastern Ave. that was rented by Mr. Smith. The Ross County Sheriff's Office K-9 Big Mac alerted on the storage unit. A search of the storage unit found several Suboxone Strips, Prescription Medication, a stolen firearm, and \$2500.00 in additional cash.

Mr. Smith was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance, Expired License, and a Parole Violation. Mr. Delong was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. Further charges are pending the completion of the investigations of all agencies involved.

