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News Release

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Sheriff Lavender reports that his office was dispatched to a residence in the 900 block of Free Lane yesterday at approximately 2:30 p.m.

The deputy arrived on the scene and spoke to the caller who advised that her husband and his girlfriend were at the residence causing a problem. The deputy located the male suspect in the woods behind the residence. He was identified as 33 year old Jonathon Rackely. The suspect took off running carrying 2 bags. The suspect was caught by the deputy and began to resist arrest. The suspect was brought under control and placed under arrest. The bags that the suspect was carrying were found to contain an active Meth Lab as well as Chemicals to produce Meth. The suspect was also found to have 2 Felony Theft related warrants out of Ross County Common Pleas Court. Mr. Rackley was transported to the Ross County Jail and charged with Illegal Manufacturing and Possession of Chemicals with Intent.

The second female suspect identified as 31 year old Alesha Bennett was also found hiding in the woods behind the residence. She was found to have a warrant out of Fayette County. A purse that the female suspect had was found to contain Drug Abuse Instruments as well as suspected Methamphetamine. Mrs. Bennett was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Investigators from the U.S. 23 Major Crimes Task Force were called to the scene to dismantle the lab and collect evidence. Paint Township Fire Department was also on scene to assist.

