

2011
Annual Report

STING

Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group

State/County/Local
Multijurisdictional Task Force

About

The Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group (STING) is a multi-jurisdictional narcotics task force, comprised of State, County and local police agencies, which operate under the administration of the Michigan State Police. STING is assigned to work in the counties of Arenac, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon. The entire STING area is rural in nature and a popular recreation area with a large amount of State and Federal forest lands, resort areas and private cottages, which results in large population swells.

Due to the rural and recreational nature of the area, there is a lack of an industrial or manufacturing base for employment. This results in low per-capita income, high unemployment and high per-capita rates of welfare/social services cases and associated incidents of substance abuse. The average median household income is only 66% of the average for the State of Michigan, while the percentage of people living in poverty within the STING area is 33% higher than the State average.

This area is a prime area for the cultivation of marijuana, including indoor grow operations. The vast amount of State and Federal forest lands, large tracts of private undeveloped woodlands and farms provide many isolated areas for the cultivation of marijuana and the possible clandestine manufacture of methamphetamine.

There are several high volume traffic corridors that exist within the STING area, including I-75 and US-23. These routes provide direct access to known source cities, such as Flint, Saginaw, Bay City and the Detroit Metropolitan area. The entire eastern boundary of the STING area is comprised of the Lake Huron shoreline, with numerous marinas and direct access to Canada. The STING area contains several migrant camps with a population having direct contacts to our southern border states and Mexico.

This area also contains other transient population centers, which contribute to the associated incidents of substance abuse and related criminal activity. These areas include the Standish Maximum Security Correctional Facility, Camp Lehman Correctional Facility, Camp Shawano, Camp Nokomis Juvenile Detention Centers and the Camp Grayling National Guard Base. There is also a Chippewa Indian Reservation in Arenac County, which has opened a casino on tribal lands. Traditionally, these types of institutions create a greater impact on law enforcement services, with higher than average incidents of substance abuse and related criminal activity.

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Board Chairman Comments

January, 2012

As another year of drug enforcement comes to an end I am happy to say that STING has successfully made it through another trying year. I look forward to 2012 with enthusiasm.

The Team covers Arenac, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon Counties, as well as the City of Au Gres. I am confident that we will maintain these relationships and continue with the crusade against drugs.

During these continually tough economic times, I want to thank each and every one of you who have assigned officers to our Team. Let's congratulate the Team on another very productive, victorious year. Keep up the good work!

Jim Misciski

Jim Mosciski, Sheriff Arenac County
Chairman
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It has been another demanding year for the officers at STING with 250 investigations and 243 arrests. We continually target those individuals who choose to bring illegal narcotics into OUR area. Meth labs and their cleanup continue to be one of many concerns for us. We utilized the Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS) for prescription drug cases and found that many persons were selling their own or family member's medication.

We remain a beneficiary of Federal Stimulus grants even though significant changes occurred this past year, the most notable being a cut in our Federal funding. We worked through a grant reduction of \$53,000 without asking our stakeholders for any additional funding. Although we were not singled out, all teams in northern Michigan received the same 27% cut. We were told that the BYRNE/JAG Program was being cut in Washington, hence the cut's locally. I am disappointed that law enforcement took the brunt of the reductions, as I feel we provide a needed and valuable service to our Communities.

The message remains the same as last year; remain vigilant. I look forward to the coming year with enthusiasm. Although we will be faced with more cuts, the Team is stepping it up and eager to keep drugs off of our streets. Please contact me at the STING office if you have questions or comments.

D/Lt. Jeff Keister

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Unit Commander

Goals

Our goals remain the same as last year – we are always striving to make our STING area a drug free place.

Identify drug houses in the STING area and individuals or organizations that maintain, operate or occupy them.

- ✓ Identify, disrupt, dismantle, or render ineffective drug houses – we have increased the number of organizations/persons identified.
- ✓ Develop intelligence sources through arrests of local dealers/users – we have increased the number of informants developed.
- ✓ Collaborate with local prosecutor's to use all means to identify and prosecute individuals or organizations – we have increased the amount of drugs seized from targeted individuals/organizations.

Reduction in Drug Overdoses

- ✓ Collaborate with DCH Bureau of Health Professions MAPS program to identify system abusers – we have a number of physicians/pharmacists /practitioners identified corroborating illegal distribution.
- ✓ Collaborate with local physicians/pharmacists/practitioners to identify abuse within the system.
- ✓ Develop intelligence sources through arrests of local dealers/users.
- ✓ Collaborate with community groups and prevention programs to provide awareness campaigns – we have increased the number of citizen contacts for prevention/awareness.

Reduce the amount of crime associated with drug abuse and trafficking in the entire STING area.

- ✓ Collaborate with local and federal investigators and provide assistance when requested.
- ✓ Collaborate with local probation and parole officers to hold repetitive offenders accountable.
- ✓ Develop shared sources of information and consistent modes of dissemination.
- ✓ Target increased crime rates, and decreased clearance rates.

Identify Organizations, Groups, and/or Individuals from Flint responsible for cocaine supply/distribution in the STING area.

- ✓ Identify, disrupt, dismantle, or render ineffective the responsible persons/organizations – we have a number of organizations/persons identified.
- ✓ Develop intelligence sources through arrests of local dealers.
- ✓ Collaborate with local prosecutor's to use all means to identify and prosecute supply organizations.
- ✓ Collaborate with Federal prosecutor's to identify and prosecute supply organizations.
- ✓ Impact organizations/individuals through asset forfeiture.

Identify and reduce illegal source(s) of prescription drug suppliers within the STING area.

- ✓ Collaborate with physicians/pharmacists/practitioners to identify abuse within the system.
- ✓ Collaborate with community groups and prevention programs to provide awareness campaigns – we have offered information and raised awareness through meetings with local citizen contacts and groups.

STING Statistics

Coverage Area

2011 participating entities were Arenac, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon Counties, City of West Branch, City of AuGres and Charter Township of Oscoda.

Personnel

Personnel assigned from the following agencies:

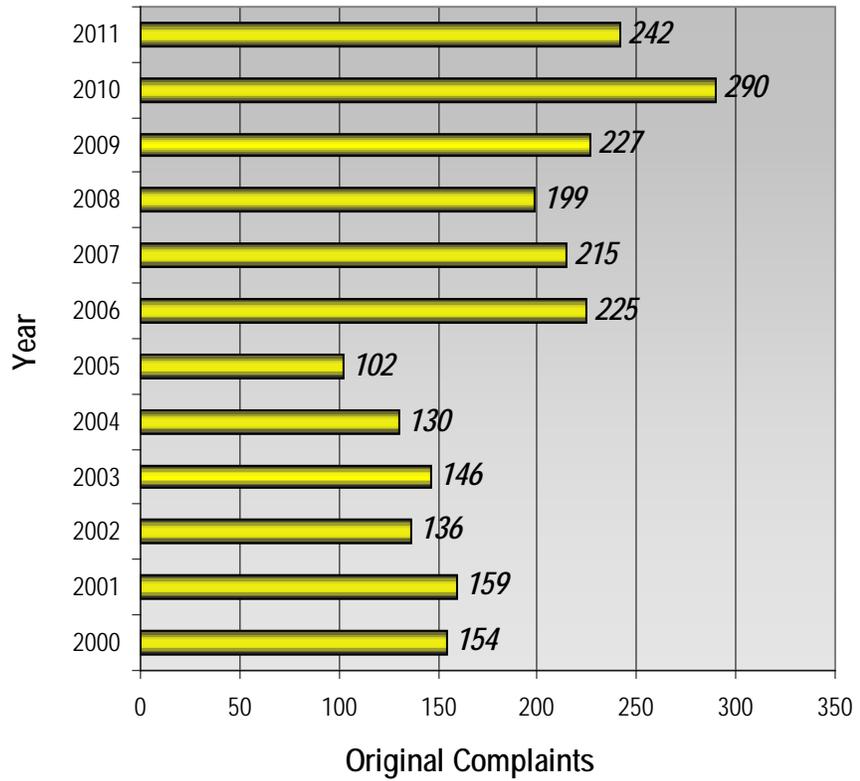
Michigan State Police/SID: 2
Arenac County Sheriff Department: 1
Crawford County Sheriff Department: 1
Ogemaw County Sheriff Department: 1
Roscommon County Sheriff Department: 1
Michigan State Police - West Branch Post: 1
City of West Branch/Civilian: 2
Charter Township of Oscoda: 1

Drug Seizures

<i>TYPE</i>	<i>WEIGHT/UNITS</i>	<i>VALUE</i>
Ecstasy/MDMA (units)	5	\$125.00
Hashish (grams)	2	\$20.00
Heroin (grams)	121.44	\$30,360.00
Marijuana (grams)	5,772.15	\$57,721.50
Marijuana Plants	1483	\$1,483,000.00
Adderall/Amphetamine (units)	33	\$495.00
Alprazolam (units)	24	\$48.00
Cocaine (grams)	12.4	\$1,240.00
Crack Cocaine (grams)	2.53	\$253.00
Fentanyl	1	\$15.00
Hydromorphone/Dilaudid (units)	17	\$255.00
Methadone (units)	23	\$345.00
Methamphetamine (grams)	1.61	\$161.00
Morphine (units)	238	\$3,570.00
Oxycontin/Oxycodone (units)	48	\$1,440.00
Percocet (units)	8	\$120.00
Ritalin (units)	49	\$735.00
Suboxone (units)	6	\$60.00
Tramadol/Tramadol (units)	26	\$390.00
Dihydrocodeinone (units)	19	\$95.00
Hydrocodone (units)	176	\$2,640.00
Vicodin (units)	202	\$1,212.00
Clonazepam/Klonopin (units)	33	\$66.00
Lorezapam/Ativan (units)	16	\$32.00
Valium/Diazepam (units)	21	\$42.00
Xanax (units)	7	\$17.00
Miscellaneous (units)	31	\$36.00
Total Value of Drugs Seized		\$1,584,490.50

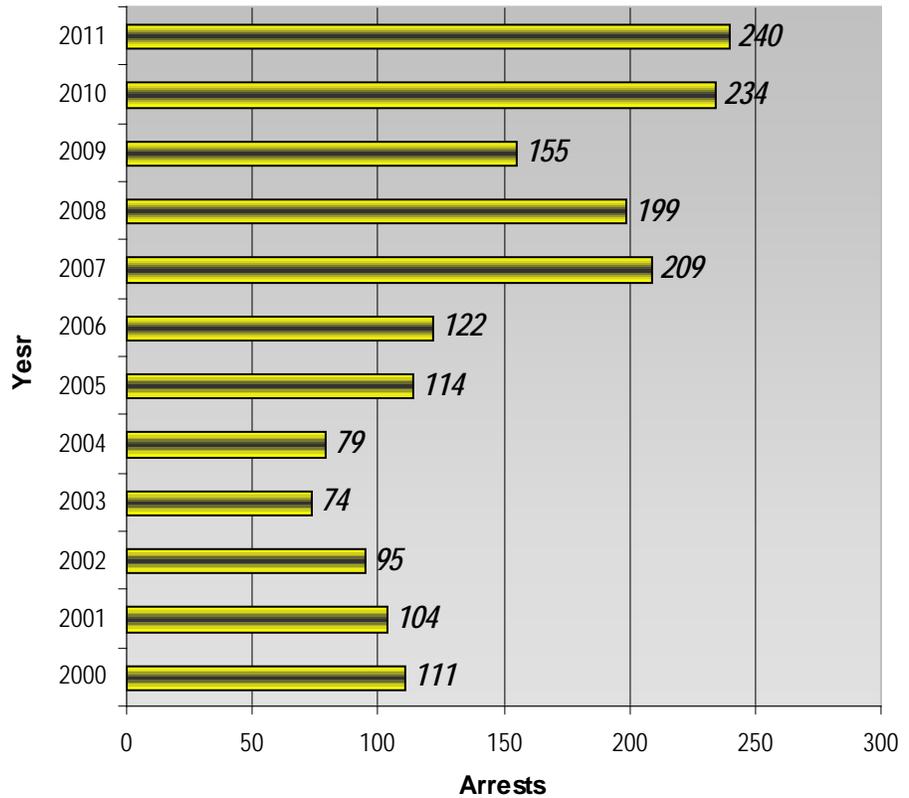
Complaints

242 complaint investigations were originated



Arrests/Counts

240 persons were arrested on 323 counts

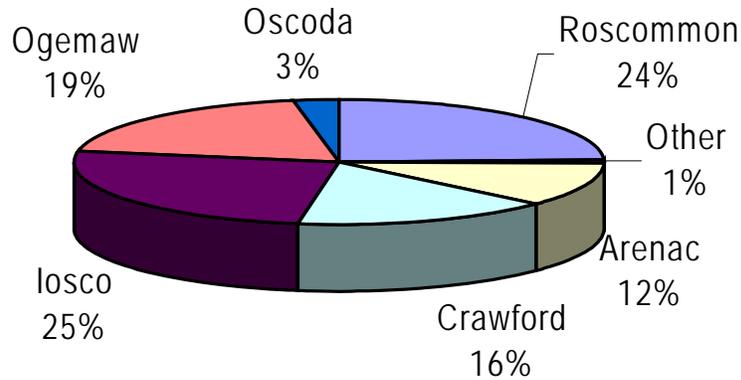


Search Warrants Executed

28 search warrants were served

Activity by County

2011 Complaints originated by venue



Financial Report

Assets

Operational Account	\$38,302.65
Un-adjudicated cash/bonds	\$3,101.71
Buy Money on Hand	<u>\$8,000.00</u>
Total	\$49,404.36

Income

Contributions	\$137,062.60
Forfeiture	\$29,394.07
Restitution	\$8,435.26
Interest	\$25.48
Reimbursement	\$21,090.50
Other	<u>\$60.00</u>
Total	\$196,067.91

Expenses

Administrative Expenses	\$1,091.05
Confidential Expenditures	\$21,870.49
Grant Match	\$117,763.07
Office Supplies	\$2,513.13
Personnel/Training	\$27,601.29
Communications	\$8,307.70
Rent	\$9,000.00
Vehicles	\$19,896.47
Forfeiture Expenses	\$4,485.80
Meth Lab Cleanup/Expenses	<u>\$4,499.87</u>
Total	\$217,028.87

OSCODA COUNTY, BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP

STING officers received information stating that a suspect was in the process of cooking Methamphetamine at his/her residence. Officers were familiar with the suspect since STING has made two prior purchases of Methamphetamine from the suspect, which he/she is currently out on bond for. STING is also aware that Tpr. Lively has a Meth precursor case against the suspect for which he/she is also out on bond for.

STING Officers were unable to take immediate action on the information because they were involved in a search warrant in Roscommon County. Once cleared, Officers received further information from the CI that the suspect was part way through the Meth cook but his/her parents came home and that he/she was going to leave the residence for an unknown location to finish the cook.

Knowing that it would take several hours to obtain and execute a search warrant likely resulting in Officers not catching the meth cook before it left the residence, it was decided to approach the residence with STING Officers and uniform Deputies. Officers decided to secure the residence hoping to catch the suspect at the residence preventing him/her from moving any of the lab and obtain a search warrant. STING made contact with the homeowner of the residence. The suspect had already left. Officers advised the homeowner that we were acting on information that the suspect was making Meth at the residence this date, and that we were concerned about the safety of persons present if that was indeed going on. Officers asked the homeowner for permission to search his/her garage for evidence of the manufacture of Methamphetamine. The homeowner gave his/her permission.

Officers determined that the suspect's vehicle, owned by the homeowner, was gone. Deputy Cole left the residence in an attempt to locate and stop the vehicle.

A search of the garage produced potential evidence. The homeowner was asked about his/her Oxycontin prescription, advising him/her that Officers had information that the suspect had the prescription. It was confirmed that he/she had filled the Oxycontin prescription, locked it in a safe and had not used any of it. He/she took Officers to the safe and produced several pain medication bottles but was unable to locate the newly filled bottle of Oxycontin. The paperwork for the prescription was still there. The homeowner admitted that he didn't know where his pills were and assured me that he/she had given them to anyone.

Prior to leaving the residence, Officers showed the homeowner what had been located and was going to be taken as potential evidence against the suspect. The homeowner confirmed that none of the items belonged to him/her. Officers seized a plastic bag containing a cut open cold pack and an empty box of Claritin D, a receipt for the purchase of Claritin D at the Rite Aid Pharmacy dated 2-10-11, a Coke can that didn't contain Cola but was a hidden container with a glass smoke pipe and two tin foil folds containing a white chunky residue.

Deputy Cole along with STING Officers located and conducted a traffic stop on the suspect's vehicle. Based on probable cause and exigent circumstances, the suspect and the driver were removed from the vehicle and a search was done. Officers located the homeowners Oxycontin pill bottle in the center console. A check of its contents showed that 25 pills were already gone. At that time, the suspect was arrested for the possession of the schedule II narcotic, and taken to the Oscoda County jail.

The driver of the vehicle was suspended and informed STING Officers that seeing the vehicle was going to be pulled over, the suspect quickly placed something in the center console of the vehicle.

The homeowner/owner of the vehicle requested that the vehicle not be towed, if possible. It was driven from the traffic stop back to the residence where another search was done under the lighting of the garage. Officers located and seized an unopened pack of lithium batteries, and a cold pack receipt from December 2010. These are known components that go into the manufacturing of Methamphetamine.

Officers seized .001 Gram Methamphetamine, 65 Oxycontin pills and 13 Xanax pills along with the Meth cook items.

STING had been receiving anonymous information regarding a suspect and his/her involvement with manufacturing and using Methamphetamine. Most recently learned that he/she was likely involved in this drug activity with his/her neighbors and that the suspect was in violation of his/her SOR registration. Officers checked the suspect's information and found that the suspect failed to do his/her quarterly address verification and had failed to change his/her SOR address. Based on this information a search warrant was executed.

The suspect was not located within the residence. Officers made contact with a different person in the residence who was arrested for two retail fraud warrants. Neighbors made contact with Officers because they were asked to watch the house. Another address was given for the suspect. A check of that address was done with no location of the suspect.

Property was seized as it appears to be personal property of the suspect. Officers also located clothing in the back bedroom, which was referred to as the suspect's bedroom.

Officers check the suspect in LEIN after his/her verification date passed. The suspect still had not registered a new address. We submitted to the Oscoda County Prosecutor's Office for a Felony SOR violation warrant for failing to change address.

The suspect was arrested on the above warrant.

OSCODA COUNTY, BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP

STING Officers received a call from Deputy Adam David of the Oscoda County Sheriff's Department requesting assistance with a search warrant for Methamphetamine.

Upon seeing the suspect and the residence in the search warrant, Officers suspected we would find evidence regarding the manufacture of Methamphetamine. STING Officers have received several tips about the suspect and the residence.

A cursory search of the residence resulted in the observation of a jar of marijuana and a piece of tin foil containing a chunky white powder. Officers observed 2 trash bags that were not inside a can or container. D/Sgt. Veltman retrieved his air purifying respirator and appropriate filter to check the trash bags further. Experience had led him to know that meth manufacturers commonly bag their meth related trash for later disposal. While checking the trash bag he observed a suspected HCL generator, a "dry bones" one pot vessel, a homemade funnel, and a bottle of suspected acid. He grabbed the bags of trash and upon breaking open the plastic, a cloud of gas was expelled. The residence was evacuated by all personal, and a call was made to the 7th District meth coordinator, D/Sgt. Mitch Stevens.

Evidence related to the manufacture of Methamphetamine was located within trash bags located at the residence. At least 3 "one pot" vessels were located leading Officers to believe evidence of 3 Methamphetamine "cooks" were present. Also, finished Methamphetamine product was located in the kitchen area and in the suspect's bedroom.

The suspect was arrested for Meth activity.

OSCODA COUNTY, BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP

This is the 2nd Meth response to the same residence as above, just one week later. STING was requested by the Oscoda County Sheriff's Department to assist with a search warrant that was executed at that residence. Officers located a "one pot" cook in the basement. D/Sgt. Veltman contacted the 7th District Meth response personnel to assist with processing the scene. The suspect was arrested a 2nd time for Meth activity.

ARENAC COUNTY, DEEP RIVER TOWNSHIP

STING was contacted by Tpr. Diaz who was on scene with the Arenac Sheriff's Department, they had a driver was in custody who was under the influence of drugs and was stopped for driving the wrong way on the freeway. Tpr. Diaz advised that

during a subsequent search of the driver's vehicle, a suitcase was located in trunk that appeared to contain items related to a Meth lab. D/Sgt. Veltman responded to the scene to further assess what was located in the vehicle.

Deputy Cockrell advised that he had located what appeared to be finished Methamphetamine on the driver and that the driver admitted to being on probation in Cadillac for possessing Meth.

Wearing an APRS and appropriate filter, D/Sgt. Veltman checked the trunk of the vehicle and saw 2 plastic fuel containers, a chainsaw, a Rooto drain cleaner bottle with black hose and a brown suitcase. The suitcase contained coffee filters, salt, ammonium sulfate and plastic bottle of lye. Based on these observations D/Sgt. Veltman felt this vehicle contained evidence related to the manufacture of Methamphetamine and called D/Lt. Mark Uribe, 3rd District Meth Response coordinator.

D/Lt. Uribe and D/Sgt. Veltman conducted a further detailed assessment of the vehicle and the suitcase. Obvious items associated with the manufacture of Methamphetamine were located.

The driver was arrested at the scene for Operating/Maintaining a Meth Lab.

ARENAC COUNTY, AUGRES TOWNSHIP

STING was contacted by Tpr. Pintar, who during a SOR address check located an indoor Marijuana grow. A search warrant was typed and executed at the residence with 104 Marijuana plants (38 of which were locked and secure) being located along with a little over 2 lbs. of processed Marijuana.

The suspect was contacted by Undersheriff McIntyre of the Arenac Sheriff's Department, at his place of business and advised that the police were requesting his/her presence at the residence. The suspect arrived with two other people whom he/she claimed were MI medical marijuana "patients". The suspect also held up a MI medical marijuana card of his/her own, but refused to allow Officers to handle the card and retrieve the information off of it. The suspect was uncooperative and ordered police off his property, he/she refused to unlock the residence and after a few minutes left in his/her vehicle leaving behind the 2 people he/she had brought with him/her.

Officers were unable to determine if the suspect was a legal MI medical marijuana patient and / or caregiver and whom his/her registered patients were if he/she was a legal caregiver. The 2 people he/she brought verbally advised Officers that the suspect was their caregiver and they were his/her patients. They were unable to produce any documentation showing they were patients.

The back door was found to be unlocked so forced entry was not made. I was able to access the locked portion of the grow room via the ceiling from the garage, so no forced entry was made into the grow room. A pit bull was observed inside the residence prior to entry. The Arenac County Animal Control Officer was present and took possession of the dog. She also removed 2 additional dogs from the residence.

The suspect was later arrested for 2 counts Delivery/Manufacture Marijuana.

ARENAC COUNTY, DEEP RIVER TOWNSHIP

STING received information regarding a possible Marijuana grow. A source advised that he/she was in the residence approximately 15 days prior and observed Marijuana plants growing in black pots inside the bathroom. A search warrant was obtained and executed. Contact was made with the property owner during the execution of the search warrant along with other persons present. Officers seized 195.9 grams Marijuana, 37 Marijuana plants, 13 partially smoked Marijuana cigarettes, digital scale and 10 firearms from the residence. An additional 1.3 grams Marijuana was located inside a vehicle at the residence.

The property owner was arrested for Delivery/Manufacture Marijuana and a second person was arrested for Possession of Marijuana.

ROSCOMMON COUNTY, MARKEY TOWNSHIP

STING received information from a credible source a suspect traveled to the Detroit area and was on his/her way back to the Houghton Lake area with a large quantity of Marijuana. The source advised Officers that the suspect uses a residence to store the Marijuana until he/she can break it into smaller increments to sell.

STING located the suspect's vehicle parked in the driveway. Officers sat surveillance on the residence and saw the suspect walk out of the residence and go to the suspect vehicle where the driver's side door was opened. Officers then observed the suspect walk to the back side of the residence and then back to the vehicle. The suspect then walked away from the vehicle and walked back to the residence. A short time later Officers saw the suspect leave the residence and enter the vehicle and left the driveway. Officers contacted Deputies Maeder and Roth and advised them that the suspect vehicle was traveling toward them. The suspect vehicle was stopped for speeding and when Deputies made contact with the suspect they noticed a large bulge in his/her pants pocket.

Officers seized 50.2 grams Marijuana, over \$2,000 and the vehicle. The suspect was arrested for Delivery/Manufacture Marijuana.

STING Officers obtained and executed a search warrant for the residence that led to the seizure of 1,379 grams Marijuana, \$13,290 and 2 hand guns.

Three suspects were arrested on 2 counts Delivery/Manufacture Marijuana, 2 counts Maintaining a Drug House and 1 count Possession of Marijuana.

ROSCOMMON COUNTY, HIGGINS TOWNSHIP

STING Officers obtained and executed a search warrant for the residence in Roscommon County that lead to the seizure of pre-packaged heroin, a crack pipe, and MSP buy money.

Officers were enroute to the residence and observed the suspect standing outside of his/her residence near the road way as if just getting home. Officers made contact and advised that they had a search warrant for his/her residence. The suspect advised he/she understood and didn't know what the search warrant was about but invited Officers inside.

Officers seized 30 bindles of Heroin, liquid Methadone and \$110 of pre-recorded MSP buy money.

Officer asked the suspect about the pill container containing the 30 suspected bindles of Heroin, he/she stated at first that he/she had no knowledge of the items found inside the table but did advise that another person was at the residence earlier. Officers advised the suspect that the label on the bottle containing the suspected Heroin had his/her name on it. The suspect advised that he/she was sorry for lying and that it was his/her Heroin. The suspect advised that he/she was fronted the Heroin from a subject that lives with another subject in the Houghton Lake area. He/she stated that he/she owes subject 1 \$900 for the Heroin that Officers seized.

The suspect was arrested for Delivery/Manufacture Cocaine/Heroin in Tennessee; he/she waived extradition. STING Officers traveled to Tennessee and picked him/her up.

ROSCOMMON COUNTY, HIGGINS TOWNSHIP

STING received information from a CI advising that he/she had been at a residence and observed a subject weighing and packaging Heroin into small bindles using lotto papers. The source advised that the subject was living with another subject and a small child. The source also advised that the child was present while packing the Heroin.

Officers drafted a search warrant that led to the seizure of Heroin, digital scale, narcotic packaging and \$788.00 in US currency.

The search warrant was executed on the residence. Officers made their way to the entrance door and observed some one pull the window covering out and then disappear. Officers entered the residence, made contact first with a subject who was exiting a bedroom area she was ordered to the floor. Officers then observed the suspect standing in the bedroom on the side of the bed with his/her hand in the blankets. He/she was ordered to show his/her hands at which time he/she placed money in his/her pocket and complied. Officers observed a small black lock box on the floor where the suspect was standing. The suspect told Officers that no one else was in the room. Officers continued into the bedroom area and located another subject standing in the closet area with his/her hands above his/her head.

Officers seized 8.2 grams Heroin and \$788. One of the subjects was arrested. Child Protective Services was contacted took the child into their care. This case is currently on the docket for Federal Court.

ROSCOMMON COUNTY, BACKUS TOWNSHIP

In mid July STING received a tip of a large Marijuana grow. Investigators from STING, Michigan National Guard Counterdrug and Michigan DNR confirmed that there was a large Marijuana grow. The number of growing plants was well above the threshold for federal prosecution.

A joint meeting was held including representatives from STING, Michigan DNR, Michigan National Guard Counterdrug and the DEA. It was determined this marijuana grow showed similarities to a drug trafficking organization. It was decided to begin surveillance on the Marijuana plots and camp - in an attempt to locate those responsible for the Marijuana grow.

July 25th surveillance of the plots and camp began. This surveillance was conducted by STING Officers, DEA, Michigan National Guard Counterdrug and the MSP Emergency Support Team.

August 2nd the surveillance proved successful when a motor vehicle containing a Hispanic driver and 2 Hispanic passengers was observed. The registration plate was run in LEIN where it came back to subject from the Detroit area. The DEA was able to maintain surveillance on the vehicle and those persons in the vehicle.

August 18th the DEA executed a search warrant on the residence in the Detroit area. The DEA advised STING that arrest had been made for this case. They advised that the Marijuana could be eradicated.

August 19th the plots were eradicated. A total of 2,992 plants were pulled from the area. For evidence, 200 plants were seized. The remaining 2,792 plants were pulled, documented and destroyed on site.

September 4th STING received information that someone had located additional Marijuana plants in the area of the original complaint. STING along with the Roscommon County Sheriff Department pulled 27 more Marijuana plants. The plants were located approximately 50 yards from the campsite that was documented in the original report.

ROSCOMMON COUNTY, LAKE TOWNSHIP

STING was contacted by Deputy Maeder from the Roscommon County Sheriff's Department advising that they had conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a civil infraction and located Marijuana inside the glove compartment. Deputy Maeder advised that the passenger of the vehicle admitted Marijuana belonged to him/her and that he/she was a medical Marijuana patient card holder but did not have the card in his/her possession.

The subject advised Deputies that he/she had just purchased the Marijuana from a subject. STING Officers arrived at the Houghton Lake Post to speak with the subject who advised that he/she was a medical Marijuana patient card holder but could not find the current card when Officers stopped him. He/she stated that he/she located the card inside his/her pocket with money and provided it to the Officer. The subject advised that he/she was not a care giver but was able to grow Marijuana

with his/her patient card. Officers asked if he/she currently had a medical Marijuana care giver. The subject advised that he/she did not but he/she had gotten the Marijuana from a subject. Officers are familiar with the subject named.

STING drafted, obtained and executed a search warrant for the suspect's residence. As Officers were pulling into the residence to execute the search warrant Officers observed a subject outside and the suspect was leaving in a vehicle. The marked patrol unit pulled into the driveway area and made contact with the suspect advising him/her of the search warrant. Officers secured the residence and observed a grow room in the garage area and also a separate room that was padlocked shut. Officers asked the suspect if he/she had the key to the room and he/she advised that he/she did along with two other keys that opened two individual lock boxes.

Officers seized 15 Marijuana plants, 246.11 grams Marijuana, 3 Marijuana cookies and \$338.

The suspect stated that his/her son/daughter is a care giver and the plants located in the locked room across from the garage belonged to him/her. The suspect advised that he/she understood and that he/she was in his/her legal means of Marijuana advising that he/she was a medical Marijuana patient and allowed to grow 12 plants and have 2.5 ounces of processed Marijuana. Officers asked how many plants were at the residence. He/ she advised that there were 12 plants in a grow area inside the garage. Officers advised that there were 13 plants located in the garage area. The suspect advised that the 13th plant didn't have a root structure and was placed in the grow room by his son/daughter. Officers asked if he/she intended on the 13th Marijuana plant growing roots and he/she didn't make any statement. Officers then advised that the 13 Marijuana plants located in the garage were unsecured when Officers arrived. The suspect advised that he/she usually leaves the door locked.

The suspect advised that the Marijuana located in the lock boxes belonged to the other subject and the Marijuana located inside them were for his/her patients.

The suspect was arrested for Delivery/Manufacture Marijuana. DHS was contacted and advised that Officers had conducted a search warrant and the parent had been arrested leaving a 16 yr old juvenile at the residence. DHS advised that the juvenile could go to a friend's house if he/she could locate someone to pick him/her up.

IOSCO COUNTY, OSCODA TOWNSHIP

STING was contacted by a CI who advised that he/she had arranged to purchase Heroin. The CI was provided with \$40 of MSP buy money and a transmitting device. The CI met with the suspect and Officers on the surveillance team heard the suspect speak about his/her recent plea to Maintaining a Drug House. The CI purchased .1 gram of Heroin.

A second Heroin purchase occurred and the CI bought .15 grams of Heroin for \$60. A third purchase took place and the CI purchased another .15 grams of Heroin for \$60.

Within 10 minutes, a subsequent traffic stop was made at STING'S request. The driver of the vehicle was suspended. The suspect was the front seat passenger and had 4 warrants for his/her arrest in LEIN. The back seat passenger was the 16 year old child of the suspect who was turned over to a family member.

The vehicle had now been part of two Heroin deliveries and was searched based on probable cause and exigent circumstances. In the trunk of the vehicle were pre-cut paper squares commonly used to package Heroin. No additional evidence was located within the vehicle. The driver was taken into custody for DWLS, searched and resulted in the seizure of \$403 and a paper fold of suspected Heroin.

The suspect was arrested on 4 counts Delivery/Manufacture Cocaine, Heroin. Officers spoke with the suspect and advised him/her that he/she was going to the Iosco County jail and that if he/she took Heroin into the jail he/she could be charged with smuggling it into the jail. The suspect then retrieved Heroin and 2 Ecstasy pills from the crotch area inside his/her jeans.

Officers seized 18 paper folds containing Heroin, 5.3 grams of Heroin and a total of \$1,193 of which included the MSP buy money.

IOSCO COUNTY, OSCODA TOWNSHIP

STING Officers were contacted by a CI who stated that he/she could purchase Crack Cocaine and Ecstasy from a subject. Officers meet the CI and provided him/her with \$150 of pre-recorded MSP buy money and drove to the pre-determined location. The CI purchased 3 Ecstasy pills and .03 grams of Crack.

Another purchase of Heroin and Cocaine was made from the same location. As a result of the purchase and additional information, a traffic stop was made and the suspect was arrested for Delivery/Manufacture Cocaine, Heroin. Officers seized \$1,400, a vehicle, a diamond bracelet and ring valued at \$1,300.

Based on this and another narcotics investigation a search warrant was executed at the property. The residence was searched with .1 grams of Crack Cocaine being seized. Located were several items of packaging, discarded packaging, 2 digital scales and personal items to indicating who was residing at the residence. Also located was a 46" flat screen television was had been reported as stolen to the Oscoda Police Department. The television was included on the return and tabulation, but was turned over to Oscoda PD directly from the residence.

IOSCO COUNTY, TAWAS CITY

Officers were setting up a CI buy to purchase Marijuana and Narco pills. The CI was given \$110 of pre-recorded buy money and was able to purchase 7 grams of Marijuana and 10 Dihydrocodeinone pills.

Another buy was arranged for the CI to purchase Marijuana. \$60 of pre-recorded MSP buy money was used to buy 7 grams Marijuana.

A total of three suspects were arrested on 3 counts Delivery/Manufacture Marijuana and 1 count Delivery/Manufacture (Schedule 1, 2 & 3 exc Marij & Cocn)

IOSCO COUNTY, BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

Based on a current investigation, a search warrant was obtained and executed at residence. STING has made separate controlled purchases from the suspect. Officers seized 1,263.65 grams of Marijuana, 17 Codeine pills and 7 miscellaneous pills.

Two suspects were arrested on 2 counts Delivery/Manufacture Marijuana and 2 counts Maintaining a Drug House.

OGEMAW COUNTY, WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP

STING was contacted by a CI advising that he/she had been contacted by a subject who advised that he/she had some Heroin for sale. The CI advised that he/she could buy \$140 of Heroin. The CI was provided with a body transmitter and \$140 of pre-recorded MSP buy money. The CI and undercover Officer went to the pre-determined location. The CI and the UC purchased .03 grams of Heroin for \$140.

A warrant was obtained for the suspect and he/she was arrested for Delivery of Heroin. Consent was given to search the room. Officers seized .2 grams of Marijuana.

OGEMAW COUNTY, WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP

STING Officers received information that a subject had possession of donated items at a residence that were stolen and that the subject was mixing a controlled substance (K-2) and spraying it on paper. D/Sgt. Veltman obtained and executed a search warrant.

I advised a subject that we were there to investigation stolen property and narcotics that his/her spouse may have. Officers did not locate the suspect, but did speak to him/her on the phone and asked him/her to return to the residence. The suspect arrived and spoke with Officers.

The suspect advised that he/she had purchased items from his/her place of employment and that he/she was also given some items from his/her boss. Officers started pointing some items out. The suspect admitted to stealing some, but not all items. The suspect further stated that he/she took some items to his/her parent's house. Permission was given by the homeowner to look though the garage and the residence. Officers pointed out more items.

Officers located 18 Marijuana plants. The suspect was upset that his/her Marijuana plants were being seized and advised that he/she had a Medical Marijuana card and that he/she was legal to have the plants. Further stating that he/she had just cloned the Marijuana plants and that he/she was advised that a plant has to be 12 inches tall to be considered a plant. Officers advised the suspect that the Marijuana plants were not in a secured area. Officers advised the suspect that his/her plants had to be secured and could not be accessed by anyone and that it was only legal to have 12 Marijuana plants.

Officers seized 18 Marijuana plants and various items that were reported stolen.

OGEMAW COUNTY, ROSE CITY

A search warrant was obtained and served at a residence in Rose City for drugs and firearms. Officers approached a back entry door that was open, knocked and announced police and after about 5 seconds pushed the door open and a subject was almost to the door. Officers entered the residence announcing that we had a search warrant and secured the other two occupants. One locked room was located and forced entry was made to assure no other occupants were inside.

A Marijuana grow room was located in the locked room and an odor of Marijuana was present throughout the residence.

The suspect advised he/she was a MI medical Marijuana patient and produced his/her patient card which allowed him/her to possess plants. Officers ran his/her patient number through LEIN and confirmed it was valid.

Officers exited the grow room with a sawed off shotgun and a lock box. Officers opened the box and found a loaded .38 caliber handgun. Also located was a locked gun safe. Officers seized two shotguns, a pistol and ammunition. One suspect was arrested on a Short-Barreled Shotgun/Rifle charge. A second arrest is pending.

OGEMAW COUNTY, CITY OF WEST BRANCH

Officers were contacted by a CI who stated that he/she could purchase Morphine. A buy was set up and the CI purchased 5 Morphine pills for \$50.

A second controlled purchase was set up for the CI and a purchase was made for 3 grams of Marijuana and 6 Morphine pills for \$95.

Officers were contacted and a third buy was arranged. The CI purchased 2.8 grams of Marijuana and 5 Morphine pills for \$85.

STING Officers drafted and executed a search warrant for the residence that led to the seizure of marijuana, prescription narcotics, digital scales and US currency. Children were found to be present while the search warrant was executed. Officers seized 20.6 grams of Marijuana, 59 Morphine pills, 25 Vicodin pills, a cell phone and \$801 of which some was the pre-recorded MSP buy money.

CRAWFORD COUNTY, CITY OF GRAYLING

Officers were advised by a CI that he/she could purchase Meth from a subject from a residence in Grayling. The CI was provided with a transmitter and \$100 of pre-recorded MSP buy money. The CI purchased .1 gram of Methamphetamine.

Officers were advised by the CI that the suspect was planning to cook Meth on a certain date. Surveillance was set up in an attempt to see if he/she was purchasing components related to cooking Meth. The surveillance crew observed a different suspect, who is currently on probation for a drug conviction, pick up the current case suspect. Contact was made with the store and the suspect did purchase Pseudoephedrine among other items used in cooking Meth. A check of the area revealed that the suspect's family had a hunt camp in the area.

Officers initially decided to articulate a search warrant for the hunt camp on the suspicion that they were conducting a "one pot" meth cook. Before the search warrant was completed the suspect left the camp. Officers decided to conduct a traffic stop and search for evidence of Meth production. Deputies made the stop and a search of the vehicle was conducted. Officers located a small glass jar containing some white crystallized powder and an empty package of Energizer batteries.

Officers talked with the suspect and he/she allowed Officers to search the trailer for evidence related to the manufacture of Meth. Officers noted a damp wadded up coffee filter lying on top of the snow and the suspect advised that the other suspect had stuffed additional coffee filters next to the wood pile. Officers located 2 additional coffee filters that were partially burned stuffed between some firewood. Inside Officers found an open bottle of Coleman fuel, a lithium battery, a plastic shopping bag that contained an open cold pack, a piece of tin foil and a burned piece of tin foil. The suspect attempted to point out the area where the other suspect had thrown out some burned trash. Officers located what appeared to be the inside of a lithium battery.

Based on the suspect's information that the other suspect had some of the chemicals required for the Meth cook "pre-measured" in bottles when he/she was picked up, a search warrant was served at the suspect's residence also. No additional evidence related to the manufacture of Meth was located. A small quantity of marijuana and a small digital scale were located.

The second suspect was arrested for Delivery of Meth. The first suspect was also arrested for Delivery of Meth.

CRAWFORD COUNTY, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP

STING drafted a search warrant for an address that led to evidence being located that Methamphetamine was being manufactured at a residence.

As Officers arrived on scene to execute the search warrant, Officers observed a subject look out the window and duck behind it when he/she seen the Officers approaching the home. Officers then observed the subject run to the back door of the residence in an attempt to get out of the back door. He/she was secured along with another subject, three small children and a dog. When Officers first walked into the home there was a strong chemical odor and that same odor was even stronger in the only bathroom in the home.

Once secure, Officers located two trash bags outside the back door that contained what appeared to be the components used to manufacture Methamphetamine. After finding those items the three children and suspects were escorted out of the home and asked to sit in the back seat of a patrol car so they were not breathing the fumes.

The subjects were asked about the contents of the bags. Officers contacted Child Protective Services. The children were taken to the hospital to be checked out and later released to a family member. Both subjects were arrested for Manufacture Meth and Operating/Maintaining a Lab.

The two subjects were arrested for Manufacturing Meth and Operating/Maintaining a Lab.

Some time later Officers were notified by the Crawford County Animal Control Officer that a neighbor noticed a subject walk into the residence and walk out just before her arrival and the subject looked to be under the influence of something. STING located the subject, identified him/her and themselves when the subject moved away from Officers and appeared to be in a lot of pain. Officers grabbed his/her forearm and took him to the ground. The subject stated that he/she thought his/her shoulder was broken. Officers asked him/her what happened and he/she stated he/she fell out of a tree while hiding in the woods. Officers asked why he/she was hiding and he/she stated that the police were looking for him/her. A short time later Sgt. Chemeluski arrived to assist and we looked at the subject's shoulder and it appeared to be out of socket. Sgt. Chemeluski transported the subject to the hospital to get his/her shoulder looked at. While at the hospital STING talked with the subject. The subject stated that he/she had spent the night in the woods and that he/she had been cooking Meth with the other two subjects.

The third subject was also arrested for Manufacturing Meth and Operating/Maintaining a Lab.

CRAWFORD COUNTY, FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

During STING DCE/SP flights, a National Guard pilot and co-pilot spotted Marijuana plants around a residence and made contact with Officers on the ground.

The pilots advised Officers that a subject had walked out of a barn on the property and went to the residence. Officers arrived and made contact with four individuals who were at the residence. After securing the residence and area Officers made contact with the homeowner and explained why they were there. The homeowner gave consent to Officers to search the property.

None of the Marijuana plants on the property were secured. Officers located 28 very large Marijuana plants and another 84 Marijuana plants in a different location. Officers located another 10 Marijuana plants under a light just inside the barn. Officers found a clothes line running across the barn with an additional 15 Marijuana stalks drying on the line. Officers also found grow equipment inside the barn. Inside the residence Officers found 3 handguns, 3 long guns and there was Marijuana all over the inside of the house.

Officers talked with the 4 subjects and found that 1 of them had a Medical Marijuana Care Giver card and that he/she had 5 patients.

Officers seized 3 handguns, 3 rifles, \$2,052, 190 Marijuana Plants and 1,104.8 grams of Marijuana.

CRAWFORD COUNTY, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP

STING was contacted by Special Agent Daniel Ghareeb reference a child pornography investigation in which the suspect lives in the Grayling area. Special Agent requested that STING attempt to locate the suspect's residence, photograph it and provide him with a detailed description of the residence.

Officers drove to the residence, got a description, took photographs and identify the suspect's vehicle in the driveway. Officers turned over the information collected to Special Agent Daniel Ghareeb.

Two months later STING Officers met with Special Agent Daniel M. Ghareeb of Homeland Security Investigations to discuss the case being turned over to STING. Special Agent Ghareeb requested we present this case to the local Prosecutor in attempt to prosecute the suspect involved in these incidents. Based on the information provided by Special Agent Ghareeb a search warrant was obtained and executed.

STING Officers, Special Agent Ghareeb and Crawford County Deputies knocked on the door and made contact with a subject who was advised that we had a search warrant for his/her home and property. Officers seized 2 desktop computers, an external hard drive and a laptop computer.