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## **SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**BENTON, MISSOURI –**

Scott County Sheriff Rick Walter said today six Scott County residents have been arrested in connection with manufacturing methamphetamine.

Christopher H. Copeland (42) Benton, is charged with manufacturing a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, unlawful use of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana. Bond is set at \$100,000.

Tammy J. Copeland (45) Benton, is charged with manufacturing a controlled substance, unlawful use of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana. Bond is set at \$75,000.

Raymond K. Marshall (22) Benton, is charged with manufacturing a controlled substance, unlawful use of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana. Bond is set at \$75,000.

Travis W. Gibson (36) Benton, is charged with possession of a controlled substance with the intent to distribute, and possession of methamphetamine precursors with the intent to manufacture. Bond is set at \$50,000.

Nichole M. Welker (21) Benton, is charged with possession of a controlled substance, and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia. Bond is set at \$25,000.

Jacob Dylan Jungers (18) Scott City, is charged with possession of controlled substance, unlawful use of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana. Bond is set at \$25,000.

Walter said Thursday morning Detective Jeff Schmitt and Detective Branden Caid responded to a residence on Southwest Loop outside of Benton, for reported drug activity. While investigating they made contact with the homeowner Christopher Copeland. Copeland admitted that he manufactured methamphetamine the night before. A search of the residence revealed numerous methamphetamine precursors along with finished product. Copeland along with his wife Tammy and her son Raymond Marshall was arrested.

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Walter said investigators gained information that lead them to a second residence also located outside of Benton. Investigators made contact with the home owner Travis Gibson. During a search of this residence, investigators located numerous bags of a substance believed to be methamphetamine, numerous chemicals, cold pills, and precursors used in the manufacturing process of methamphetamine. Gibson, Nichole Welker, Jacob Jungers were arrested at the residence.

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