



SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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BENTON, MISSOURI –

Scott County Sheriff Rick Walter said today that an investigation conducted by Captain Gregg Ourth resulted in numerous methamphetamine related arrests over the week end.

Walter said early Sunday morning investigators served a search warrant at rural Benton residence. Occupants of the residence were in the process of manufacturing methamphetamine when officers entered the residence. Investigators seized a working lab along with numerous precursors from the home. Walter said at the time of the arrest a juvenile was located asleep on the couch, just feet from where the cook was taking place.

All three Benton area suspects, Jeremy Gray (41), Travis Moit (29), and Velma Barnett (36), have been charged with Manufacturing of a controlled substance, Possession of a controlled substance, and Child Endangerment Gray and Moit remain in custody bond set at \$100,000.00, Barnett on \$50,000.00.

A second search warrant served in Scott City resulted in the arrest of two individuals, Lavanna Michelle Radica, and Larry Miller. Walter said investigators located bottles containing chemicals mixed together and a solid substance that tested positive for methamphetamine, along with additional drug paraphernalia.

Lavanna M. Radica (31) Scott City, has been charged with attempting to manufacture a controlled substance, Possession of a controlled substance, and Possession of drug paraphernalia. Larry Miller (46) Marquand, was charged with Possession of drug Paraphernalia. Radica's bond was set at \$25,000.00, and Miller's at \$5000.00.

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