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PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – On August 19, 2015, deputies from the Putnam County Sheriff's Office arrested eight individuals at the residence located at 7731 Rice Road in Baxter, charging all with Intent to Manufacture Methamphetamine and booking them into the Putnam County Jail on \$10,000 bond per person.

The following subjects were arrested and charged:

David Levi Nash – age 19, homeowner

Annie Nicole McNelly – age 20, a renter at the residence

Jessica Lynn Miller – age 19, a resident of Sparta

Deletta Marie Jackson – age 32, a resident of Cookeville

Travis Duane Calloway – age 29, a resident of Cookeville

Steven Allen Payton – age 21 – a resident of Cookeville

Christopher Daniel Rush – age 25, a resident of Sparta

Kristopher Dale Short – age 21, a resident of Cookeville

Deputies originally visited the home in response to leads regarding suspicious activity. They found numerous individuals and vehicles at the residence. One male subject ran out the back when deputies knocked on the front door. He was later apprehended by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office K9 team.

"Under my administration, we will not tolerate drug activity anywhere in the county, but especially inside residences," said Sheriff Eddie Farris. "The good citizens of Putnam County don't deserve this type of activity in their neighborhoods. If you are going to be involved in operating and/or conducting illegal drug activity, we will eventually find you and arrest you."

Upon further investigation, deputies were informed that one of the residents was wanted for possibly harboring a runaway juvenile. Upon obtaining consent from the homeowner, David Levi Nash, deputies entered the home to search for the missing juvenile. While in the residence they saw a light smoke fog and smelled chemical fumes. They immediately exited the residence.

After questioning the subjects further, search warrants were obtained and the residence was searched. They found drugs, including what is believed to be methamphetamine based on initial field tests, drug paraphernalia and chemicals consistent with the production of methamphetamine. A stolen car from White County was also found at the home.

Deputies conducting the investigation included Sgt. Josh Reams, Detectives Chris Miller and Gabe Frizzell, and Deputy Caleb Meadows, as well as members of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department Drug Task Force and K9 teams.

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The investigation is ongoing and is being conducted by members of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Farris expressed his appreciation to citizens of the community for providing information to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. He encourages anyone with information about illegal drug activity to call the Putnam County Sheriff's Office at 931-528-8484 or the Drug Tip Hotline at 931-525-METH (6384).

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