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Arrests Made in Operation Clean Sweep

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – Following months of leads, surveillance and investigation, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office launched a countywide inter-agency operation called "Clean Sweep" today that ended in the arrests of eleven people and multiple charges being filed.

Deputies from the Putnam County Sheriff's Office Drug Division, the 13th Judicial Drug Task Force, along with other assisting agencies including the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) team, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Tennessee Highway Patrol, the Tennessee National Guard, and the Cookeville and Monterey Police Departments conducted a county wide sweep following the August session of the Putnam County Grand Jury. Numerous individuals were indicted by the Putnam County Sheriff's Department Narcotic and Detective Divisions on various charges including Sell and Distribution of Oxycodone, Oxymorphone (Opana), Buprenorphine (Suboxone and Subutex), Cocaine, Marijuana, and Methamphetamine.

"We are committed to tracking down and arresting anyone who participates in the drug trade in our community," said Sheriff Farris. "The manufacture, sale and use of illegal drugs are the root cause of most crimes. By conducting today's event and future operations, we are making great strides toward making our community a safer place to live and raise our children."

The investigation is ongoing and is being conducted by members of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force. 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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