



Public Information Release

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The service of a search warrant by the Sheriff's Narcotics Task Force Saturday morning has resulted in one arrest and the seizure of methamphetamine, Oxycodone, digital scales and drug paraphernalia.

On January 25, 2012, narcotics detectives secured a search warrant for a residence and travel trailer located in the 9000 block of Hwy 29 in Lower Lake. On the morning of Saturday February 4, 2012 at approximately 7:30 am, detectives served the search warrant for the residence.

When narcotics detectives entered the home, three people were detained without incident, including 51 year old Michael Vernon Ferrel of Lower Lake. During a search of the travel trailer Detectives located three glass "meth" pipes, digital scales and packaging materials. In the living room of the residence, detectives located methamphetamine and several Oxycodone pills. It was determined that none of the people contacted in the residence had a prescription for Oxycodone.

Ferrel was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was transported to the Lake County Hill Road Correctional Facility and booked. The other two detainees were released at the scene.

The Sheriff's Narcotics Task Force will continue its efforts to eradicate narcotics from the communities of Lake County and seize the suspected profits of drug trafficking for asset forfeiture whenever possible. Anyone with information that can assist the Task Force with this effort is encouraged to call the anonymous tip line at 263-3663.

