

On June 25, 2013, Watauga County narcotics detectives and deputies assisted probation and parole officers with a search of 174 Corbett McNeil Road, Boone, NC 28607, in reference to a narcotics investigation.

Detectives located precursors used in the process to manufacture methamphetamine, as well as a methamphetamine lab. The meth lab discovered was a 20 ounce bottle located in the burn pile outside the residence. The occupants of the residence attempted to burn the "Shake and Bake" lab in an effort to destroy any evidence that they were manufacturing methamphetamine. Also located during the search were five HCL gas generators, which is used in the final stages of meth manufacturing, and items of drug paraphernalia.

Matthew Jack Huskins, 27, and Aimee Melissa Simpson, 37, both of 174 Corbett McNeil Road, were charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, possession of meth Precursors, and maintaining a dwelling.

Huskins and Simpson are currently being held at the Watauga County Detention Facility in lieu of a \$150,000 secured bond. Both are scheduled to appear in District Court on July 29, 2013.