

Avery Meth Lab Discovery Leads to 2 Arrests

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Avery Deputies and Elk Park officers, trying to serve an arrest warrant at an Elk Park residence last Wednesday were supplied information about another location where a meth lab might be located, and going there, were overwhelmed with the noxious fumes of ammonia —a common smell from meth labs, according to their release. The lawmen were trying to arrest 30-year old Jonathan Huskins on a habitual felon warrant when told of the second location, but after being turned away by the smell, they ordered the evacuation of the residence, checked the outside to find other evidence of a meth lab, then entered with breathing apparatus, finding chemicals and equipment for the manufacturing of meth. With the SBI called to the scene, Steven Ray Pruitt, 49, of Elk Park was taken into custody, charged with a number of felonies including Manufacturing of Meth, Maintaining a Vehicle and/or Dwelling for the Manufacture of a controlled substance, Possession with Intent to Distribute Meth Precursor Chemicals, Pruitt set \$150,000 bond with a March court date.