

## Largest Avery Heroin Bust, Man Charged

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Officers with the Avery County Sheriff's Office, Municipal Drug Task Force and Sugar Mountain Police Department arrested a Banner Elk man last week after an undercover operation yielded heroin--said to be the most Heroin seized in Avery County history. After the operation, the Avery County S.R.T., made up of officers from agencies throughout Avery County, executed the search warrant, leading to the arrest of Gregory Scott Levy, of 2989 Tynecastle Highway. With the arrest, more Heroin and drug paraphernalia was seized, along with cash used to purchase the Heroin, according to the Avery Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Kevin Frye called it "an outstanding group effort to get a dealer of a very dangerous drug off the streets of our community." Officer Shane Vance with the Municipal Drug Task Force called it "a very nasty drug that has a high addiction rate." He said "It is one of those drugs a person tries one time and dies on the spot. If the person does not die, they are most likely going to be hooked for life." Gregory Scott Levy was charged with Possession with intent to sell or deliver Heroin, Conspiracy to sell Heroin, and Maintain a dwelling to sell Heroin, and possession of Drug Paraphernalia and was set a \$100,000.00 secured bond.