

Trafficking charge in Avery County

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The Avery Sheriff/Municipal Drug Task Force made another substantial arrest in the sale and distribution of prescription medication. charge was added.

This is important, according to Sheriff Kevin Frye, because kids in Avery are a top priority.

Frye believes prescription drugs are a trend among young drug users.

An incident at Avery County High School helped increase awareness that education on the dangers of such drugs is needed.

Frye knows students know effects of cocaine and meth, but does not think they know the dangers of prescription drug use.

46-year-old Eileen Thompson of Newland was arrested and charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver, selling and delivering schedule II controlled substances and trafficking in opium. The schedule II controlled substances discovered were Oxycotin pain pills. Because of the large quantity of pills in her possession, the trafficking