

## Avery Drug Dog Alerts to Drugs: 2 Charged

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On the evening of June 18th , officers with the Avery County Sheriff's Office stopped to assist a motorist on Millers Gap Highway. Officers encountered forty year old Marty Joe Gordon of Bakersville and twenty eight year old Matthew Hopson of Chestnut Mountain Rd. Officers found that neither man had a valid drivers license. Then, a K-9 belonging to the Avery County Sheriff's Office alerted to the presence of drugs in the vehicle, leading to the search of the vehicle, which revealed marijuana, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Both men were arrested and charged with felony several drug charges including Possession with intent to Sell or Distribute Methamphetamine. Hopson received a \$20,000.00 bond and Gordon was placed under a \$25,000.00 bond.