

## Multiple Meth Labs Found in Lenoir Home

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Sheriff Alan C. Jones has announced that on Monday, November 4th, Narcotic Agents with the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office Ice Unit executed a search warrant for a methamphetamine laboratory at 3551 Brook Street in Lenoir. Special Agents with North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation assisted in the investigation. The two week probe began when Ice Agents received confidential information that the suspect, Rachel Colvard Brooks, 40, was manufacturing methamphetamine from her residence. Agents conducted a search of the NPLEX (National Precursor Log Exchange) system which reflected Brooks had made numerous purchases of Ephedrine based products.

An Agent with the Sheriff's Office Ice Unit presented probable cause to Superior Court Judge Timothy S. Kincaid and obtained a search warrant for the residence. A search of the home was conducted and nine separate "one pot" or "shake and bake" type meth labs and equipment were found and seized from the basement of the home. The labs were capable of producing large amounts of finished product. Agents also took numerous precursor chemicals, approximately a ¼ ounce of powder methamphetamine, cash, and other drug paraphernalia items from the home. Over 2,000 milliliters of meth oil waste was disposed of by the NCSBI Clandestine Team, indicating the labs had been producing a lot of finished product.