

Three Women Charged with Meth Counts

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Just as a new law on possession of the key meth manufacturing ingredient took effect, Narcotics Detectives of the Watauga County Sheriff's Office arrested three females following a traffic stop in connection with manufacturing methamphetamine. Detectives conducted a surveillance operation which ultimately led to the traffic stop, and during the traffic stop, detectives located and seized 4 boxes of pseudoephedrine, as well as a variety of precursor chemicals, and hardware used in the manufacturing process. According to detectives, inside the vehicle was everything one would need for a "Shake and Bake" meth cook. Elaynia Victoria Huffman, 30, Trina Rene Hinson, 47, and Jessica Lynn Henderson, 26, all of 626 Locust Street, Foscoe, were charged with Conspiracy to Manufacture Methamphetamine and Possession of Methamphetamine Precursors. The trio were taken to the Watauga County Detention Facility and jailed in lieu of a \$25,000 secured bonds with District Court dates of December 30th. Huffman was also charged with Maintaining a Vehicle/Dwelling/Place for Controlled Substance. The new law took effect December 1st that makes it a felony for any convicted meth cook or user to possess products containing pseudoephedrine, found in some cold medicines and the key ingredient needed to make the highly addictive illegal drug methamphetamine. Meth cooks also face stiffer sentences under the new law if they make meth around children, seniors or the disabled.