

## Meth Lab Remnants Found in Watauga

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The remnants of two clandestine Methamphetamine laboratories have been discovered and seized by Patrol Deputies and Narcotics Detectives from the Watauga County Sheriff's Office. Both Methamphetamine labs were characteristic of the Red Phosphorous method of manufacture, according to the release, which said this method is not as prevalent today due to easier and faster methods of production, such as the "Shake and Bake" method, commonly referred to as the One Pot Method.

One Methamphetamine Lab was located behind the property of 122 South Road, Todd, the lab components found by children who were playing in the area. The Sheriff's Office was contacted and made aware of the suspected Methamphetamine Lab. Shift Supervisor Lt. Phillips, who is clandestine lab certified, arrived on scene and confirmed that the components were characteristic of a Methamphetamine Lab. Narcotics Detectives were notified of the situation. Once on scene, Detectives seized multiple items used in the manufacturing process. The Methamphetamine precursors appeared to be non-hazardous and were disposed of by Narcotics Detectives.

An additional Red Phosphorous Methamphetamine lab was located and seized near the Stoney Fork Overlook which is located on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Park Rangers from the US Department of Interior located items consistent with the manufacture of Methamphetamine and contacted the Sheriff's Office. Narcotics Detectives seized multiple Methamphetamine precursors consistent with the Red Phosphorous Method of Manufacture. The Methamphetamine precursors appeared to be non-hazardous and were disposed of by Narcotics Detectives. Both investigations are ongoing.