

Eight Meth Labs Found in Deep Gap Residence

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Tuesday, narcotics detectives from the Watauga County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division executed a search warrant on the residence of 254 Tiny's Mountain Drive, Deep Gap in a narcotics investigation. Detectives were engaged in a follow-up investigation from the four methamphetamine labs that were located during a traffic stop on April 18th in which the driver, Ian Clement Corneck, was arrested. Corneck was charged with Manufacturing Methamphetamine, Possession of Meth Precursors, Possession of Methamphetamine, Felony Maintaining a Vehicle Controlled Substance, 6 counts of Exceeding the Pseudo Limits, Possession of Marijuana, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The follow-up led to a search warrant issued for the Deep Gap residence, and serving the search warrant, detectives located eight methamphetamine labs, one of which was in a volatile state and required the SBI Clan Lab Response Team to respond to the scene. The labs were rendered inert and disposed of, as well as the methamphetamine precursors. Also located at the residence were three large Marijuana plants which were growing in a bedroom closet, ½ ounce of harvested marijuana, and drug paraphernalia. Gregory Daniel Trivette, 31, was charged with Conspiracy to Manufacture Methamphetamine, Possession of Meth Precursors, Manufacture Marijuana, Felony Possession of Marijuana, Felony Maintaining a Dwelling for Controlled Substances, Possession of Schedule IV controlled substances, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Robert Carter Schlagal, 26, was charged with Conspiracy to Manufacture Methamphetamine, Possession of Meth Precursors, and Possession of Marijuana. Trivette and Schlagal are currently being held at the Watauga County Detention Facility in lieu of a \$25,000 secured bond and are scheduled to appear in District Court on June 26th. The investigation is still going and more arrests are expected.