

Over \$30k of Meth Found in Watauga Meth Bust

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On June 10, 2013, narcotics detectives from the Watauga County Sheriff's Office and the Boone Police Department located and seized 254 grams, just over a half pound of crystal methamphetamine after executing a search warrant on the residence of 135 Long Street in Boone. The methamphetamine had an estimated street value of \$30,480.

Baxter Smith James, 69, of 135 Long Street, was charged with trafficking in methamphetamine, possession with intent to sell or distribute methamphetamine, felony maintaining a dwelling, place, or vehicle for a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia. James is currently being held at the Watauga County Detention Facility under a \$1,000,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in District Court on July 29, 2013.

Robert Hill Phillips, 48, was also charged with trafficking in methamphetamine, possession with intent to sell or distribute methamphetamine, felony maintaining a dwelling, place, or vehicle for a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Phillips is currently being held at the Watauga County Detention Facility under a \$75,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in District Court on July 29, 2013.

Both James and Phillips have pending court cases in Watauga County for Methamphetamine related incidents.