

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## M.A.D.E. Task Force serves Search Warrant on Meth Lab

Date: March 5, 2020 Contact Person: Lt. Jeff Stiers Union County Sheriff's Office Phone: 937-645-4126

On Wednesday, March 4, 2020, the Multi-Agency Drug Enforcement (M.A.D.E.) Task Force working a month-long investigation led to the recovery of an operational "Meth Lab".

At approximately 3:08 p.m. a search warrant was served at 18725 Pottersburg Road in Union County. Detectives with the Union County Sheriff's Office, Marysville Division of Police and Agents with the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification located materials consistent for making methamphetamines.

Deputies with the Union County Sheriff's Office stopped a vehicle associated with the investigation at approximately 2 p.m. yesterday, prior to the execution of the search warrant. Four subjects from the vehicle were interviewed in relation to the investigation. Joseph P. Combs, age 42 of Marysville was arrested for illegal manufacturing of drugs and illegal assembly or possession of chemicals for the manufacturing of drugs. Joseph Combs was transported to Tri County Regional Jail pending arraignment in Marysville Municipal Court today.

The M.A.D.E Task Force was assisted with the execution of the search warrant by the Sheriff's Office, Marysville Division of Police, Union County Prosecutors Office, Marysville Fire Division and Allen Township Fire Department.

The evidence will be sent to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification for analysis. Once the results are received back the case will be presented to the Union County Prosecutors Office for consideration of additional charges at a future Union County Grand Jury.

