

Bust

Officers traveled to Chicago late May 8 where a federal search warrant revealed a stash house.

The raiding officers seized 218 pounds of marijuana and \$55,983 in cash. Two men were arrested during the raid. The money was found in a box inside a Chicago refrigerator.

"The amount of marijuana seized should not be misleading," Dwyer said. "This storage facility has been a location where thousands of pounds of marijuana supplied from Mexico are stored. The majority of the marijuana is sold in Chicago, Detroit, and suburban communities in Oakland and Wayne Counties."

The Chicago men are expected to be charged with felony marijuana violations under Illinois state law.

Dwyer lauded the Chicago Police Department's Organized Crime Division and their narcotics and gang teams, who assisted officers from Detroit and SONIC to dismantle the Chicago to Detroit connection in about 24 hours.

"It doesn't happen very often that you have a team traveling out of state and dismantling an international narcotics ring," Dwyer said.



Q&A: Hills Police Chief William Dwyer briefs the media about the drug bust. Also pictured are, from left, FBI supervisor of special agents Art Grovner; Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard; Cmdr. Gerard Simon of the Narcotics Enforcement Division in Detroit.

The marijuana was distributed from Chicago to Detroit and its suburbs.

This is the fourth major drug case involving major dealers that SONIC has helped take down this year, he said. This is done through the cooperation of all the involved agencies, he said.

Dwyer hosted the press conference Wednesday in the Farmington Hills police training room.

He was flanked by Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer, Commander Gerard Simon, commanding officer of the narcotics enforcement division in Detroit, Art Grovner, FBI supervisor special



Stash: Bricks of compressed marijuana were seized by authorities.

agent FBI in Troy and Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard.

"It's a shame that we have people in our society who would cause the decay of our community and the absolute destruction of our youth," Schaeffer said. "There were thousands and thousands and thousands of marijuana coming through a storehouse."

Simon called police "first rate" and said they were able to talk on the phone and make quick decisions to go into Novi and to drive into Chicago.

"They made quick decision to get into that car, grabbing a couple of dollars, pay for their own gas and driving to Chicago to take care of business."

FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE CALLS

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Officers received complaints early Thursday morning that a man was attempting to direct traffic at the intersection of Nine Mile and Halsted. It was also reported that he appeared to have something in hand.

Police arrived at the scene at 3:41 a.m. and found a young white male standing in the intersection directing traffic in his underwear. The man's pants were tied around his neck.

When officers confronted the young man, he swore at the officers and ran into some nearby woods. Officers later found the man crouching in the brush.

He refused numerous times to come out of the brush and show officers that he was unarmed. Popper spray was eventually used to subdue the man and he was taken into custody.

The man reported to police that he was extremely intoxicated. He also told officers that he attends the United States Naval Academy.

NARCOTICS PARAPHERNALIA

A routine traffic stop on Middlebelt and 9 Mile Rd. resulted in the arrest of a 40-year-old

Farmington Hills man. He was arrested for three outstanding warrants, driving with a suspended license and having expired plates.

A 41-year-old female passenger from Detroit was found to be in possession of a used crack pipe. She was given a citation.

THEFT

Unknown persons entered a home in the 30800 block of Colwell in Farmington Hills and took a Toro snow blower and a lawnmower valued at \$500. Entry was gained through an open door.

DOG BITE

A 10-year-old was treated and released from Botsford Hospital after a dog bite in the 21500 block of Oxford in Farmington Hills.

The girl was attempting to bury a dead possum. She was bitten by a black Lab belonging to a neighbor.

The incident was reported to police around noon on May 10.

AUTO THEFT

A 1989 Olds Cutlass was reported stolen on May 10 from the Grand Tulane Motel. A Silver Springs, Fla. man reported the car missing minutes after he checked in.

American House events on tap

Seniors and their families are invited to two free special events this week at American House Farmington Hills, 24400 Middlebelt.

A Taste of American House Farmington Hills begins with guest being served samplings of American House cuisine at 2 p.m. Monday, May 14, followed by awarding of door prizes.

Guests at A Bingo Extravaganza will receive refreshments and special prizes starting at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 16.

Guests at both events may take optional tours of the senior living residence located just north of 10 Mile on Middlebelt. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP at 471-9141.

The events are scheduled as part of Senior Housing Awareness Week, proclaimed from May 12 to May 20 by Gov. John Engler.

American House operates 27 senior living residences in metro Detroit. Seniors who can live independently or with some assistance.

Are You Suffering with MIGRAINE HEADACHES?

If so, you may be eligible to participate in a research study for an investigational medication to evaluate the prevention of migraine headaches. Participants will receive study-related care and medication at no cost. Financial compensation will be provided.

To qualify for this study, you must be 18 to 65 years old, experiencing 3-8 migraines per month, and in general good health.

To find out more about this research study, please call Michigan Institute for Neurological Disorders 248-553-0010

One FREE Makita Tool Will Be raffled

MARSH-MAKITA CRAZY TRADE-IN OPEN HOUSE!

Thurs., May 17th 9 am - 3 pm

Meet the Makita Representatives

Special Pricing on Selected Tools & Accessories

FREE Catalogs & Literature

MARSH-POWER-TOOLS

SALES AND AUTHORIZED FACTORY SERVICE

Industrial Power Tool Specialists • Woodworking Machinery

20579 Middlebelt Road • Livonia • (248) 476-7744

"Second Thoughts"

with Mort Crim at a fund-raising barbecue to benefit

St. Peter's Home for Boys,

6:30 p.m., May 17, \$50, at historic St. Paul's Cathedral, 4800 Woodward, Tours available. 313-846-6942.

EVERY AlliedSignal Anso Nylon CRUSHRESISTER CARPET ON SALE

TOUGH by nature FASHIONABLE by design™

5% to 50% OFF EXTENDED ONE WEEK!

50% OFF CARPET

no payment no interest ON ANY CARPET

One Year Credit*

DOOR BUSTER SPECIAL

Heavy Weight Saxony \$129 sq. ft. now only

Ceramic Tile \$139 sq. ft. now

Textured Heavy Weight Vinyl \$49 sq. ft. now

Plush Vinyl Congoleum \$179 sq. ft. now

No Wax Vinyl Congoleum \$57 sq. ft. now

OUR BEST PRICES OF THE YEAR ON ANSO CARPETS!

World of Floors

WEST SIDE

29321 Orchard Lake Rd. • Farmington Hills • (1 Block S. of 13 Mile)

Store Hours: Monday - Friday 10-8 • Saturday 10-6 • Sunday 12-5 • 248-324-8700

OTHER LOCATIONS: Rochester • Lake Orion • Southgate • Waterford • Shelby Twp. • Chesterfield Twp. • Clinton Twp. • Detroit • Kalamazoo • Grand Rapids • Lansing • Battle Creek • 2 New Locations in North Carolina

3 New Locations Coming Soon! • Madison Heights • Dearborn Heights • Canton Township

CARPET • CERAMIC TILE • WOOD • NO WAX VINYL • LAMINATE FLOORS • AREA RUGS

Arthritis Today

JOSEPH J. WEISS, M.D. RHEUMATOLOGY

18820 Farmington Road
Livonia, Michigan 48152
Phone: (248) 478-7860

GRAPPLING WITH THE PAIN OF ARTHRITIS

While physicians have no cure for most types of arthritis, you might believe they could provide relief from the pain. Meeting this expectation is difficult. Though many pain drugs and therapies exist, their value in arthritis is limited. The common pain medications such as Advil, Aleve and the newer drugs such as Celebrex and Vioxx have side effects on the stomach, liver and kidney that limit their use. These drugs also are not sufficiently potent to block the production of pain. Tylenol has the same limits.

Stronger analgesics such as Tylenol with codeine, percodol, vicodin, darapac, darvon, talwin and others have the potential for habituation. In addition, these drugs may cause dizziness, profound constipation, inappropriate sleepiness and interfere with clear thinking. In the elderly, these analgesics can disrupt balance and co-ordination putting the individual at risk for a serious fall.

Your doctor must not go too far in seeking pain relief by using narcotics. At times hurting helps. It is a signal that something has changed, such as the start of a fracture or infection in a joint previously experiencing the inflammation of arthritis.

Also, doctors do not want to focus on pain relievers when the pain reflects stress or depression. Then increasing pain medication misses the issues that need discussion or ignores the therapy that may relieve distress.

Often, when a doctor seems to disregard your need for pain relief, he is not expressing indifference. His hesitation reflects the difficulties of making a good decision.

To All Moms... Happy Mother's Day

FROM US AT K. T. FARMS

Have a Great Day

Check out our new expansion with our Customer Comfort Area

- Plenty of Parking
- Easy In and Out

Lots of Annuals
Rose Bushes
Beautiful
Hanging Baskets
14,000 Perennials
Hostas

It's Mother's Day Every Mother Gets a FREE Plant in a Pot While Supplies Last!

K.T. FARMS AND GREENHOUSE

24620 Nine Mile • West of Telegraph

352-0852