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Press Release – 9th Judicial District Drug Task Force

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On February 21, 2013, members of the 9th Judicial Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force, assisted by numerous agencies ranging from local, state, federal and even military counterdrug agents, conducted a series of operations within the 9th District, which included Lenoir City, Loudon and Loudon County.

Multiple search warrants were executed at homes within the county, as well as numerous arrest warrants served, as members from every agency in the area worked to combat the growing threat associated with the unlawful sale and distribution of prescription medication, marijuana, crack cocaine and other harmful controlled substances.

By the close of Thursday evening, 20 individuals had been arrested on more than forty felony drug related warrants. Several vehicles, U.S. currency and other assets were also seized from those suspected in selling drugs in and around Loudon County.

District Attorney General Russell Johnson stated that “Our drug enforcement officers from all agencies within the district are working diligently to relay a simple message to those who choose to sell drugs within our communities, ‘We’re coming for you!’.” General Johnson indicated that this is the first wave of several “round up operations” to come within the district in the near future.

Agencies represented in the latest attack on drug dealers include narcotics investigators and officers from within the 9th DTF, Lenoir City Police, Loudon Police, Loudon County Sheriff’s Office, Loudon County Communications Mobile Unit, Harriman Police S.W.A.T. Unit, Tennessee Bureau of Investigations, Drug Enforcement Administration, Tennessee Highway Patrol, the Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug Unit and others.