La Pine drug raid leads to arrest of 5

by Cheryl McDermott

Drug agents recently announced that five young La Pine residents - three men and two women - were arrested last week following an investigation which led to the discovery of over 14 grams of methamphetamine and a raid at a local motel. Three children found in the motel room during the raid were placed in protective custody.

(left to right) Matthew Ryan Logan, Kristen Marie Everly, Jerry Lee Templeton II, Kevin Michael McWilliams, Tamra Lynn Wilson - DCJ photos

According to Bend Police Lt. John Gautney with the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement (CODE) team, an investigation into illegal drug activity in the La Pine area developed information that led to a November 1st traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Matthew Ryan Logan, 23. Three persons in the vehicle were arrested, Gautney said, and detectives seized about 14.4 grams of meth, packaging materials, digital scales, and a small

quantity of marijuana. The three, Logan, Kristen Marie Everly, 21, and 18-year-old Jerry Lee Templeton II, were lodged in the Deschutes County Jail.

After learning that the three suspects had been staying at a La Pine motel and that others were still in the room, detectives obtained a search warrant for the Highlander Motel, the lieutenant reported.

While waiting for the warrant to be served, agents saw two people exit the room. A traffic stop was performed on a vehicle occupied by Kevin Michael McWilliams, 18, and Tamra Lynn Wilson, 19, after they left the motel. â€œThey were found in possession of methamphetamine,â€• Gautney said, adding that they were also lodged in the county jail.

A short time after the arrest of McWilliams and Wilson, detectives executed the search warrant at the

motel room where Gautney said other evidence of drug use and sales were found. Only small amounts of meth were discovered in the room, he said, but three small children that had been at the room with the suspects were placed into custody by Child Protective Services. A pit bull in the room was taken to the humane society.

Both Logan and Everly were charged with the manufacture, possession, and delivery of methamphetamine, and Logan was also held on a parole detainer. Templeton faces charges of possession and delivery of meth,

and a parole detainer. McWilliams was held for possession of meth and outstanding warrants, and Wilson was charged with possession.

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