

Two Bend Men Busted for Cocaine, Methadone Sales

by Cheryl McDermott

Two Bend men were arrested Thursday afternoon for suspected sales of cocaine and methadone, a prescription drug, according to a news release by the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement (CODE) Team.

Christopher Andrew McNaught, 27, and Sean Thomas Mahoney, 22, were apprehended about 1:20 p.m. October 5, and lodged in the Deschutes County Jail to face charges of possession, manufacture, and delivery of cocaine; and the possession and delivery of methadone.

Acting on a credible tip received in the last week of September, CODE detectives initiated a surveillance program and witnessed both suspects selling cocaine, said the release.

Cocaine and methadone seized during execution of a search warrant at 2020 Northeast Linnea Drive. Photo submitted by CODE Team. Detectives obtained a search warrant for McNaught's and Mahoney's apartment at 2020 Northeast Linnea Drive in Bend, and their vehicles. A search of their residence revealed a safe allegedly containing over 2 ½ ounces of high quality cocaine that was packaged for sale. The cocaine has an estimated street sales value of over \$6,600, said Lt. Jim Porter. In addition to the cocaine, the safe contained 27 prescription methadone pills, he added.

The search also turned up drug sales records, gram-quantity weight scales, and packaging bags.

Detectives also found additional methadone in the vehicle driven by Mahoney during execution of the search warrant. Methadone, according to the release, is a prescription drug prescribed for individuals attempting detoxification from other controlled substances, or to control or manage chronic pain. Methadone is a highly sought-after drug by street-level narcotics abusers. Neither suspect had a prescription for methadone, said Porter.

The Central Oregon Drug Enforcement (CODE) Team is a multi-jurisdictional narcotics task force comprised of detectives from all Central Oregon law enforcement agencies including: Bend Police Department, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Redmond Police Department, Crook County Sheriff's Office, Prineville Police Department, Oregon State Police, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Deschutes County District Attorney and the Oregon National Guard.

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