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Nearly 50 Indicted In Clermont Co. Drug Operation

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BATAVIA -- Some alleged drug dealers got an early wakeup call on Thursday.

Members of the Clermont County Drug Task Force and officers from nine other law enforcement agencies began serving 47 suspects with arrest warrants early Thursday after a grand jury returned a total of 121 counts involving the trafficking of drugs on Wednesday.

Sheriff A.J. Rodenberg said the operation targeted those involved in trafficking and abusing various opiates, including morphine, codeine, Oxycontin, Percocet, methadone and heroin.

Chief Deputy Rick Combs said more than 300 grams of heroin were seized during the operation, compared to 17 grams in all of 2007.

“Most of the heroin appears to be of the type commonly referred to as 'Black Tar' originating from and being transported from Mexico. Black Tar is less potent and somewhat cheaper to purchase than some other forms of heroin,” Combs said in a news release.

Rodenberg said that including previous indictments, 61 people have been indicted or charged with 185 felony offenses.

“Having to report a substantial increase of heroin abuse and sales in our community marks a sad time for Clermont County, however, our efforts in this operation indicate we are committed to uncovering and addressing serious illegal drug activity within our jurisdiction,” he said in the news release.

[Suspects Arrested In Alleged Opiate Operation Document: List Of Indicted, Charges Document: List Of Previously Indicted, Charges](#)

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