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Date: November 12, 2014
Time: 9:00 A.M.
Contact: Officer Joseph Nichols
Public Information Officer

Subject: Drug Arrest – Manufacturing Methamphetamine Operation

MEDIA RELEASE

On Tuesday, November 11, 2014, at about 5:30 PM, the Oshkosh Police Department, in conjunction with agents from the Wisconsin Department of Justice DCI, conducted a search warrant related to the manufacturing of methamphetamine in the 800 block of Franklin St.

Oshkosh Police stopped a vehicle that had left the residence at W. Lincoln Ave. and Jackson St. A 34 year-old male and 30 year-old female, both from Oshkosh, who were in the vehicle, were arrested in conjunction with the search warrant for: Manufacturing Methamphetamine; Possession of Methamphetamine Materials; Possession of Methamphetamine Waste; and Maintaining a Drug Dwelling. The 30 year-old female was also arrested for Possession of Marijuana; Obstructing an Officer; and two warrants.

The 34 year-old male and 30 year-old female were taken to the Winnebago County Jail.

A hazardous materials clean-up crew arrived from Chicago and removed the materials used in the methamphetamine process.

The house was cleared by Oshkosh Police at about 4:30 AM on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

The Oshkosh Fire Department was at the scene as a precautionary measure until investigators could determine that the scene was safe and that the public was not in any danger.

Methamphetamine is a mixture of several highly combustible materials. There are many hazardous materials used in the manufacturing process which can include pseudoephedrine (cold tablets), battery acid, drain cleaner, lantern fuel and/or antifreeze. Combined, these materials can become highly combustible and explode and/or cause a fire.

The following, often in combination, may indicate the presence of a methamphetamine laboratory:

- Unusual odors (ether, ammonia, acetone, or other chemicals)

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- Excessive amounts of trash, particularly chemical container, coffee filters or pieces of cloth that are stained red, and duct tape rolls
 - Curtains always drawn or windows covered with aluminum foil or blackened on residences, garages, sheds, or other structures
 - Evidence of chemical waste or dumping
 - Frequent visitors, particularly at unusual times
 - Extensive security measures or attempts to ensure privacy (no trespassing or beware of dog signs, fences, large trees or shrubs)
 - Secretive or unfriendly occupants

If you suspect someone of maintaining a meth lab, please contact the Oshkosh Police Department at (920) 236-5700 or your local police department and report it.

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