

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FORESTRY

2800 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4912

PRESS RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 5, 2017

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief Agent Jerry Flowers, Investigative Services Unit, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, jerry.flowers@ag.ok.gov, Office, (405) 522-6102; Cell, (405) 317-7711.

Equipment theft case leads to more

Recently during September, Special Agents with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (ODAFF) and the FBI Major Theft Task Force conducted an investigation in Haskell, Latimer and LeFlore counties regarding the theft of construction and farm equipment.

In the course of the investigation, sheriff deputies from Latimer County and Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP) arrested two suspects on the morning of Oct. 1, according to Chief Agent Jerry Flowers of the ODAFF Investigative Services Unit.

Deputies and OHP apprehended the suspects in Haskell County and found they were in possession of stolen construction equipment and in possession of three loaded firearms.

One of the firearms was found in the pocket of Russell Butenschoen, a convicted felon.

Both Butenschoen and his female accomplice, Patricia Daney, were booked into jail at the Haskell County Sheriff's Department.

The arrest of the two suspects led special agents from ODAFF and the FBI Major Theft Task Force, along with sheriff's deputies from Pushmataha County to the home of the two suspects who live near the community of Albion, Pushmataha County. When agents arrived at the home of the suspects, agents and deputies encountered Kirk Walker and Robert Butenschoen at the residence. Both of these suspects were wanted on felony warrants and were arrested. During the arrest and hand cuffing of Walker, agents found him to be holding in his hand approximately 21 grams of methamphetamines.

After agents and Pushmataha Deputies secured the home, a search warrant was executed where more evidence of illegal drug use was found along with additional firearms.

At the end of the investigation, special agents with ODAFF, FBI Major Theft Task Force, Pushmataha County Deputies, Haskell County Deputies, Latimer County Deputies and the OHP arrested a total of four suspects on complaints ranging from felony warrants, possession of CDS with the intent to distribute,

possession of stolen farm and construction equipment, and a suspect in possession of a firearm after being convicted of a felony.

The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Investigative Services Unit would like to thank the sheriff departments from Haskell, Latimer, and Pushmataha counties as well as OHP, the FBI Major Theft Task Force and OSBI for their assistance in this investigation. ODAFF also recognizes and appreciates assistance provided by J.R. Donoley of A-OK Railroad during the investigation.

“This is a classic example of law enforcement agencies working together in southeast Oklahoma to protect Oklahoma’s agriculture resources,” Flowers said.

###

Photo caption: Russell Butenschoen.

