



COMMERCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

Drug Raid Nets 8 Arrests

On March 3, 2008, Commerce Police tactical officers raided a residence in the 400 block of Williams Drive. Officers entered the residence shortly after 9:00pm to execute a narcotics search warrant.

Officers encountered 10 person(s) inside this small home, including a 14 year old and a 6 year old. Both children were released to family members. Seven males and one female were arrested. The search warrant was the result of a lengthy investigation into drug trafficking in the Commerce area.

Once the residence was secured, a search was conducted. Officers located four bags containing a substance believed to be cocaine, both in powder and rock form. Preliminary weight is approximately 300 grams. A large amount of cash was seized as well. Three firearms and several prescription drugs were also found inside the residence. Commerce PD was assisted by Texas A&M University-Commerce Police Department in this raid.

The persons arrested are identified below:

1. Gerald Lamont Dugan, B/M, 34yoa
 - 1). Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, FINE: \$500.00
 - 2). Possession of a Dangerous Drug (5 Counts), BOND: \$2,500 each (\$12,500 total)
 - 3). Possession of a Controlled Substance, Penalty Group 1, 200 to 400 grams, BOND: \$15,000
 - 4). Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, BOND: \$10,000
2. Terrell Dugan, B/M, 26yoa
 - 1). Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, FINE: \$500.00
 - 2). Possession of a Dangerous Drug (5 Counts), BOND: \$2,500 each (\$12,500 total)
 - 3). Possession of a Controlled Substance, Penalty Group 1, 200 to 400 grams, BOND: \$15,000
3. Howard Terrell, B/M, 17yoa
 - 1). Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, FINE: \$500.00
 - 2). Possession of a Dangerous Drug (5 Counts), BOND: \$2,500 each (\$12,500 total)
 - 3). Possession of a Controlled Substance, Penalty Group 1, 200 to 400 grams, BOND: \$15,000
4. Ronnie Dugan, B/M, 27yoa
 - 1). Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, FINE: \$500.00
 - 2). Possession of a Dangerous Drug (5 Counts), BOND: \$2,500 each (\$12,500 total)
 - 3). Possession of a Controlled Substance, Penalty Group 1, 200 to 400 grams, BOND: \$15,000
5. Randle Dugan, B/M, 34
 - 1). Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, FINE: \$500.00
 - 2). Possession of a Dangerous Drug (5 Counts), BOND: \$2,500 each (\$12,500 total)
 - 3). Possession of a Controlled Substance, Penalty Group 1, 200 to 400 grams, BOND: \$15,000
6. Nicholas Gadlin, B/M, 19yoa
 - 1). Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, FINE: \$500.00
 - 2). Possession of a Dangerous Drug (5 Counts), BOND: \$2,500 each (\$12,500 total)
 - 3). Possession of a Controlled Substance, Penalty Group 1, 200 to 400 grams, BOND: \$15,000
 - 4). Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, BOND: \$10,000

7. Rodney Patterson, B/M, 27yoa
 - 1). Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, FINE: \$500.00
 - 2). Possession of a Dangerous Drug (5 Counts), BOND: \$2,500 each (\$12,500 total)
 - 3). Possession of a Controlled Substance, Penalty Group 1, 200 to 400 grams, BOND: \$15,000

8. Kemisha Dugan, B/F, 25yoa
 - 1). Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, FINE: \$500.00
 - 2). Possession of a Dangerous Drug (5 Counts), BOND: \$2,500 each (\$12,500 total)
 - 3). Possession of a Controlled Substance, Penalty Group 1, 200 to 400 grams, BOND: \$15,000

The above persons were arraigned by Justice of the Peace Jennifer Reeves.

This is an ongoing investigation and more charges and defendants are likely.

Punishment Range for Above Charges

- Class C Misdemeanor is a fine not to exceed \$500
- Punishment for a Class A Misdemeanor is a fine not to exceed \$4000, confinement is jail for up to one year or both.
- Punishment for a 3rd Degree Felony is imprisonment for a term not more than 10 years but not less than 2 years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.
- Punishment for a 1st Degree Felony is imprisonment for a term for life or for not more than 99 years or but not less than 5 years and fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Commerce Police Department wants this to be a message to drug dealers: “If you sell drugs in Commerce, you will be caught”.

Commerce Police also asks that anyone with information regarding illegal drug trafficking to contact Investigator Walker at twalker@koyote.com, or call 903-886-1139. You can remain anonymous.