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DATE: January 30, 2006  
FROM: Kerry L.Crews, Chief of Police  
RE: PRESS RELEASE: NARCOTICS SEARCH WARRANT

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On January 18, 2006, around 12:45 pm, officers with the Commerce Police Department executed a narcotics search warrant in the 400 section of Tarter Apartments.

Officers located two individuals inside the apartment. They are identified below:

- 1). Donna Michelle Hancock, W/F, 49yoa
- 2). Danny Duane Steele, W/M, 32yoa.

Both subjects were detained without incident.

Once the apartment was secured, a search was conducted. Officers located approximately 5 grams of a substance believed to be Methamphetamine and a small amount of marijuana. There were numerous items of paraphernalia found, some of which was packing material and scales commonly used for distribution of illegal drugs.

Both subjects were arrested and charged as follows;

Hancock: Possession of a Controlled Substance, \$10,000 bond  
Possession of Marijuana, \$2000.00 bond  
Violation of Probation-Misdemeanor, \$2000.00 bond

Steele: Possession of a Controlled Substance, \$50,000 bond  
Possession of Marijuana, \$2000.00 bond

Hancock has been released from Hunt County Jail after posting bond. Steele is still being held on his charges.

This residence has been under investigation for trafficking illegal drugs for quite a while. We were able to shut down this operation, and in the process were able to move another drug operation out of the same apartment complex.

The investigation at both apartments is ongoing and subsequent charges may be filed at a later date.