WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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A methamphetamine lab has been located and seized and two persons charged as a result of a drug bust off of Goose Creek Road in Washington County early Friday morning. According to Washington County Sheriff Fred Newman, a search warrant was being executed at 11242 Arbutus Lane, Bristol, VA when the operational meth lab was discovered.

Arrested was Gary Wayne Mullins, age 50, of 11242 Arbutus Lane, Bristol, VA. He has been charged with (1) possess precursors to manufacture methamphetamine; (2) conspire to manufacture a Schedule I or II controlled drug; and (3) manufacture a Schedule I or II controlled drug. He is currently being held in the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail in Abingdon on a $10,000 bond.

Also arrested was Randy Allen Crouse, age 38, of 11242 Arbutus Lane, Bristol, VA. He has been charged with (1) possess precursors to manufacture methamphetamine; (2) conspire to manufacture a Schedule I or II controlled drug; (3) manufacture a Schedule I or II controlled drug; and (4) resisting arrest. He is currently being held in the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail in Abingdon without bond.

A small amount of methamphetamine was also seized during the incident. "Our region is seeing a dramatic increase in the number of meth labs," stated Sheriff Newman. Anyone having information is asked to contact the Washington County Sheriff's Office or your local law enforcement agency.

Agencies that participated in the meth lab seizure and subsequent arrests were the Washington County Virginia Sheriff's Office, the Virginia State Police, and the Bristol Virginia Police Department.