

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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An anonymous tip of a possible methamphetamine lab has let law enforcement authorities to place drug charges against one individual. According to Washington County Sheriff Fred Newman, authorities were called to the Deluxe Inn Motel, 15598 Lee Highway, Bristol, VA, late Monday night, October 22, 2012. Upon arrival, deputies approached the room where the possible meth lab was located. No meth lab was found, however, a strong odor of marijuana permeated through the door. Sheriff's deputies detained one individual until a search warrant could be obtained.

A short time later a search warrant was executed on room number 38 at the motel. A white plastic bag containing approximately 8 grams of cocaine and two plastic bags containing marijuana were located during the search.

Abaid Ullah, age 24, of 811 Azalea Drive, Apt. 1, Glade Spring, VA, was arrested at the scene and taken to the Abingdon Facility of the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail where he was released on a \$5,000 secured bond. He was charged with two felony drug charges: (1) the manufacture and distribution of marijuana for resale and (2) possession of marijuana.

Members of the Washington County Sheriff's Office who participated in the arrest were: Deputy Sheriff Marty Lloyd, Sgt. Brandon Tweed and Detective Kevin Widener. Also assisting with the investigation were members of the Abingdon Police Department.