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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Meth Lab and Stolen Property Seized**

**A search warrant executed at a residence in Washington County, Virginia, has resulted in the arrest of two individuals and the seizure of a methamphetamine lab and stolen property consisting of household items and construction tools.**

**According to Sheriff Fred Newman, on Tuesday morning, detectives from the Washington County Sheriff's Office and Abingdon Police Department went to the residence of Christopher Dean Mitchell, age 28, and Amanda Jane Tignor, age 27, of 10465 Trout Road, Abingdon, VA., to speak with them about complaints of stolen property and a methamphetamine lab. While speaking with Mitchell and Tignor, the detectives developed enough probable cause for a search warrant relating to grand larceny and receiving stolen property. The scene was secured while two detectives left and obtained a search warrant.**

**While executing the search warrant, components of a methamphetamine lab were discovered and additional assistance was requested from other meth lab certified officers with the Virginia State Police. The area surrounding the lab was cleaned up and the lab was dismantled.**

**Mitchell and Tignor were arrested and taken to the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail where they were charged with one count each of manufacturing methamphetamine and three counts each of manufacturing methamphetamine in the presence of a minor. "Our Sheriff's Office anticipates clearing a number of cases involving the theft of property as the result of this on-going investigation," stated Sheriff Newman.**

**Both Mitchell and Tignor are being held at the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail on a \$50,000 bond. A preliminary hearing date has been set for August 26, 2009, in the Washington County Virginia General District Court. Additional charges relating to the stolen property and the meth lab are pending.**

**“We are seeing a resurgence of methamphetamine labs in our county,” stated Sheriff Newman. “Anyone having information regarding a suspected lab is asked to contact the Sheriff’s Office. The identities of those providing information will remain confidential.”**

**Amanda Jane Tignor**



**Christopher Dean Mitchell**

