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Six Sidney area residents were arrested on drug trafficking charges Friday evening by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Sidney Village Police Department and the New York State Police. All were remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility without bail.

The arrests are the culmination of a five month long narcotics investigation conducted by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division and Village of Sidney Police Department with the assistance of the Delaware County Probation Department and following the execution of a search warrant on County Highway 23 in the Town of Sidney Friday evening.

On Friday afternoon Delaware County Sheriff's Investigators obtained Sealed Grand Jury Indictment Warrants for five individuals following a narcotics investigation that focused on the sales of Heroin, Cocaine and prescription controlled substances by a number of individuals in the Village and Town of Sidney between June and October of this year.

Upon arriving at the Gabriel Bonacci residence located on County Highway 23 in the Town of Sidney, investigators arrested Gabriel V. Bonacci, 43, on a Sealed Indictment Warrant charging him with two counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree (Heroin), each a class B felony. Investigators also arrested 27 year old Rene L. Hurlburt, of Unadilla, on a Sealed Indictment Warrant charging her with Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree (Cocaine), each a class B felony.

Sheriff's Investigators also arrested Gabriel Bonacci's mother, Donna M. Bonacci, 64, of Sidney, and charged her with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree (With Intent to Sell), a class B felony. Donna Bonacci is accused of possessing a box containing a scale and a variety of controlled substances packaged for sale, including cocaine, heroin, hundreds of prescription drugs and marihuana. She was arrested while attempting to flee the residence with those substances.

As a result of the arrests, investigators obtained and executed a search warrant at the Gabriel Bonacci residence that led to the seizure of more than $6500 cash, over four hundred ounces of .999 pure silver bars valued in excess of $7000, a realistic, blank firing replica handgun and fireworks.

Gabriel Bonacci, who was previously convicted of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree in April, 1998, is accused of selling Heroin in the Town of Sidney on two occasions during July of this year.

Rene Hurlburt is accused of selling Cocaine in the Village of Sidney on three occasions during June of this year.

Also arrested on Sealed Indictment Warrants Friday evening were:

Belinda Davis, 53, Sidney. Davis is charged with three counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, each a class B felony. She is accused of selling Oxycodone in the Village of Sidney on three occasions during the month of July.

Randal L. Babcock, Jr., 32, of Sidney. Babcock is charged with Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Fifth Degree. He is accused of selling Xanax in the Village of Sidney in July of this year.

Chad D. Walters, 34, of Mount Upton. Walters is charged with Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a class B felony. He is accused of selling Oxycodone in the Village of Sidney in July of this year.

Donna Bonacci was arraigned in the Town of Sidney Court before the Honorable Steven Rose and was remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility without bail pending further court action.

Gabriel Bonacci was arraigned in Delaware County Court on Monday before the Honorable Carl F. Becker and was remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility without bail pending further court action.

Chad Walters was arraigned in Delaware County Court on Monday before the Honorable Carl F. Becker and was remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility in lieu of $25,000 cash bail pending further court action.

Rene Hurlburt was arraigned in Delaware County Court on Monday before the Honorable Carl F. Becker and was remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility in lieu of $15,000 cash bail pending further court action.

Belinda Davis was arraigned in Delaware County Court on Monday before the Honorable Carl F. Becker and was remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility in lieu of $10,000 cash bail pending further court action.

Randal Babcock, Jr., was arraigned in Delaware County Court on Monday before the Honorable Carl F. Becker and was remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility in lieu of $7,5000 cash bail pending further court action.

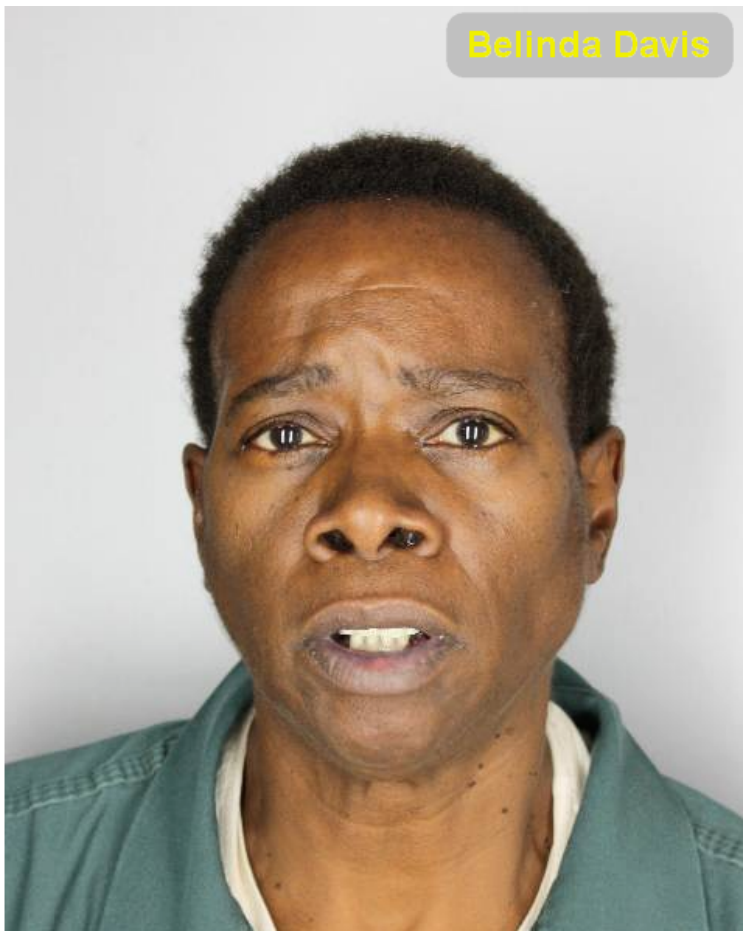
Sheriff's Investigators anticipate an additional arrest and felony drug charges will be forthcoming in the very near future relating to the Friday night search warrant execution of the Bonacci residence.

Undersheriff Craig DuMond remarked "Sheriff Mills and I are very proud of the diligent work of our criminal investigators as well as the collaborative teamwork with members of the Sidney Police Department, NYS Police, Delaware County Probation Department and Office of the District Attorney…We will continue to work tirelessly and deliberatively to remove these evil drug dealers from our communities within and around Delaware County…we will not stop until we accomplish our mission".

Gabriel Bonacci

Donna Bonacci

Rene Hurlburt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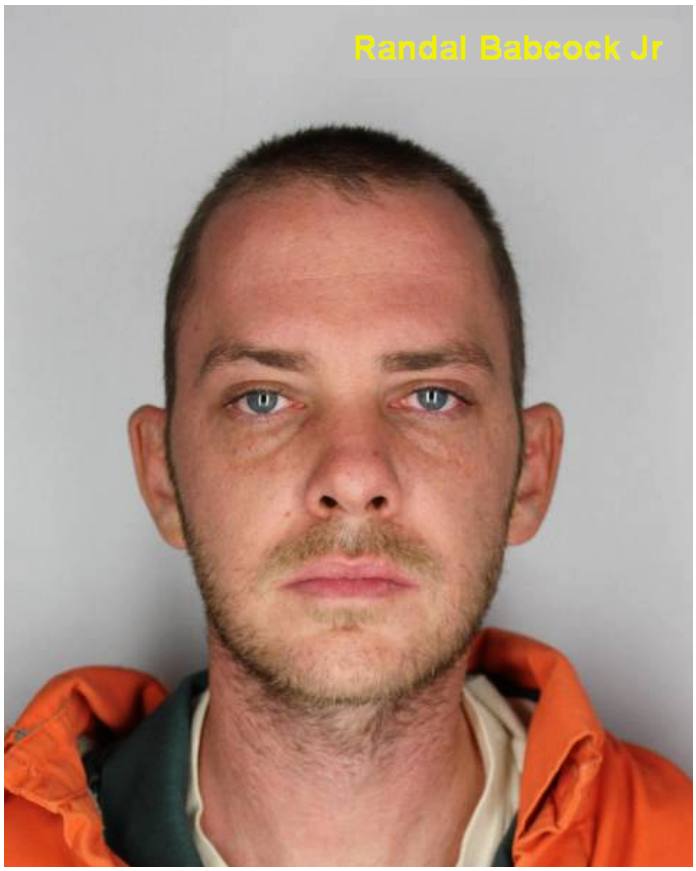
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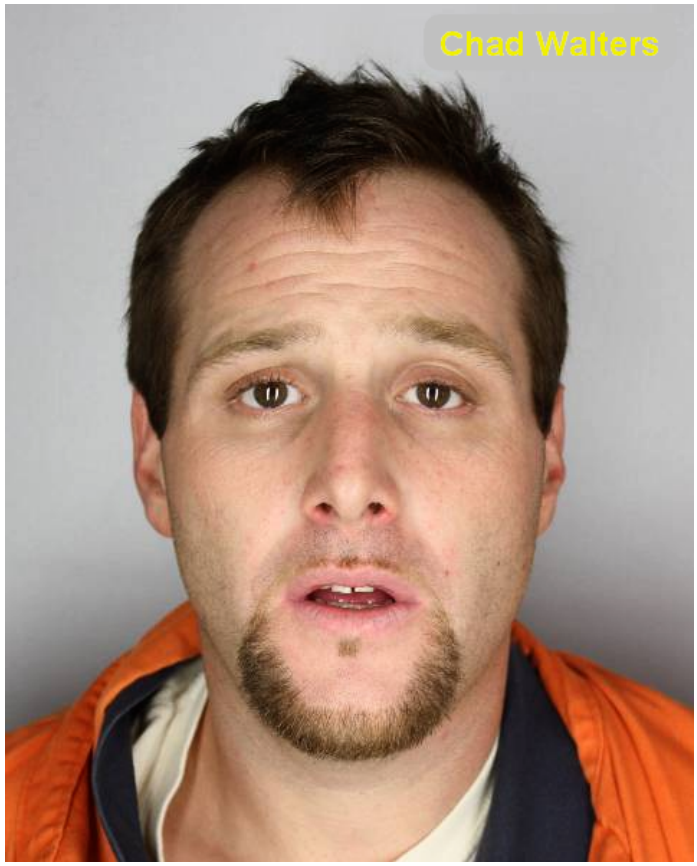
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