

**Sheriff**

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## News Release

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Headline: Citizen Tips Help in Fight Against Opioids

Sheriff Ken Mascara announced that a citizen tip led to a search warrant yesterday at the Motel 6 at 2500 Peters Road in Fort Pierce.

“The tip stated that various types of narcotics were being sold out of one of the hotel rooms,” said Sheriff Ken J. Mascara. “Our agency receives multiple tips each week regarding drug use and sales and our detectives investigate each and every one of them.”

According to the Sheriff, detectives located five grams of heroin/fentanyl, 2 grams of Molly (MDMA), 49 Xanax pills, crystal meth, powder cocaine, suboxone patches and 139 grams (1/3 of a pound) of marijuana inside the hotel room. Also in the room were various types of supplies used in the packaging and sale of these drugs.

“We continue to fight the opioid epidemic plaguing our state and nation,” Mascara said. “Our agency is committed and now our community is working hand in hand with us, providing tips and information that is leading to arrests. We encourage those addicted to this terrible poison to seek treatment and to the dealers who are selling this poison in our community, we have you in our sights and will not tolerate your activity in St. Lucie County.”

According to the Sheriff, Ryan Zempel, 25, was charged with trafficking in heroin, possession of marijuana, possession of cocaine, three counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked into the St. Lucie County Jail on a \$136,500 bond. Likenson Daceus, 30, was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell, possession of marijuana, and two counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. He was booked in to the St. Lucie County Jail on a \$45,000 bond. Torre Wisher, 29, was charged with possession of cocaine, two counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was booked into the St. Lucie County Jail on a \$45,750 bond.

ABOUT THE SHERIFF:

The Florida Constitution establishes the Office of the elected County Sheriff who is responsible for preserving the peace, carrying out the orders of Florida courts and the Board of County Commissioners, and providing deputies at court sessions and meetings of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief correctional officer of the county. Sheriff Ken J. Mascara is elected by the people of St. Lucie County and is accountable to them.