

Clinton County Sheriffs Office

News Release

TO: AREA NEWS

REPORTED BY: Dep C Todd

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SUBJECT OF RELEASE: Unlawful Manufacturing of Methamphetamine

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**NAME OF ARRESTEE: Sean N Higgins
Jeffrey M Higgins**

ADDRESS: Court St. City of Plattsburgh - Fiske Rd. Town of Chazy (Respectively)

AGE-SEX: 28 - 52 (Respectively)

CHARGES: (Listed Below)

DATE AND TIME OF ARREST: 06.18.2015 4PM

Charges:

Sean - Criminal Possession of Meth Precursors E-Felony, Unlawful Manufacture of Meth 3rd D-Felony, Endangering the Welfare of a Child A-Misdemeanor

Jeffrey - Criminal Possession of Meth Precursors, Unlawful Disposal of Meth Lab Materials, Tampering with Physical Evidence - All Felonies

NARRATIVE: On June 18, 2015 at approximately 4 PM, two groups of Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies simultaneously arrested Jeffrey M. Higgins, 52, of Chazy and Sean N. Higgins, 28, of Plattsburgh on Criminal Possession of Methamphetamine Precursors and other associated charges. The arrests stem from an investigation which began on March 10th of this year when it was discovered that Sean Higgins had a lab capable of producing Methamphetamine in the basement of his residence on Patriot Drive in the Town of Plattsburgh. The investigation revealed that Jeffrey Higgins, Sean's father had removed most of the laboratory apparatus, along with the precursors of Meth and disposed of them between a vacant lot on the Miner Farm Rd. in the Town of Chazy and his own residence on the Fiske Rd. in Chazy. At that time members of the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) along with a Clandestine Lab team from the New York State Police, wearing protective gear separated and segregated the dangerous materials so they could be tested at the New York State Crime Lab.

Based on the investigation findings, Sean was charged with one count each of Criminal Possession of Methamphetamine Precursors, Unlawful Manufacture of Methamphetamine in the third degree and two separate counts of endangering the welfare of a child as it was determined that children were present in the residence. Sean Higgins was arraigned in the Town of Plattsburgh Court and sent to jail in lieu of \$20,000 cash bail.

Jeffrey Higgins was charged with Criminal Possession of Methamphetamine Precursors, Unlawful Disposal of Meth Lab Materials and Tampering with Physical Evidence for his involvement. Jeffrey was arraigned in the Town of Chazy court and sent to jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash bail.

Members from the DEA, US Border Patrol and Plattsburgh City Police Department helped comprise the two teams utilized in locating and taking into custody the two men.

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