

# 2022

ANNUAL REPORT



**H**URON  
**U**NDERCOVER  
**N**ARCOTICS  
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## Overview

The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) is a multi-jurisdictional task force whose mission is the enforcement of controlled substance laws in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle, in Northeastern Michigan.

During 2007, HUNT's scope of focus widened, to include the associated criminal activity that often accompanies the abuse and trafficking of narcotics. This associated criminal activity can include such crimes as assault, weapons offenses, breaking and entering, parole/probation violations, money laundering, habitual offenders, fugitives, etc. In many cases, the investigation and prosecution of these other offenses in turn disrupts the flow and availability of controlled substances in the area.

The team consists of five detectives from local police agencies, as well as a detective sergeant and a detective lieutenant from the Michigan State Police. All of these detectives have been specifically trained in narcotics and special investigations, undercover operations, surveillance, and raid entry.

In HUNT's 17 years of service to the community, the team has removed over 6 million dollars worth of illegal drugs from our streets, and has arrested over 1,200 individuals on felony charges, over 350 on misdemeanor charges, and more than 175 fugitives.

The following pages reflect the team's accomplishments during the year 2007, and highlight some of the significant activity.

## *Board of Directors*

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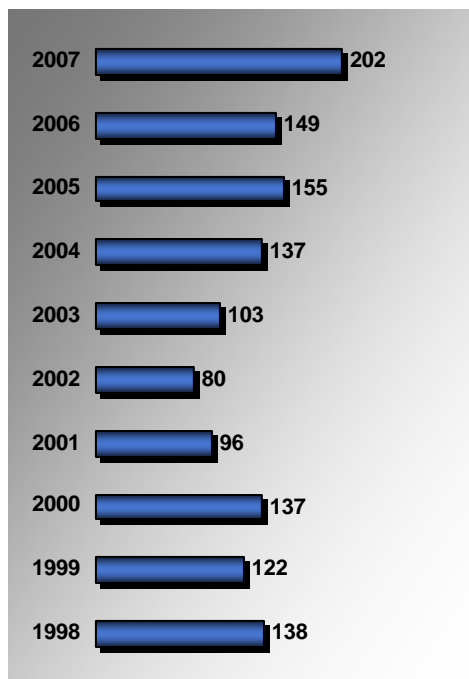
Thad Taylor  
Public Safety Director, City of Alpena

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\*Doug Ellinger resigned as Alcona County Sheriff and Chairman of the HUNT Board of Directors in September of 2007. He was succeeded as HUNT Board Chair by Tom Weichel, and as Alcona County Sheriff by Doug Atchison.



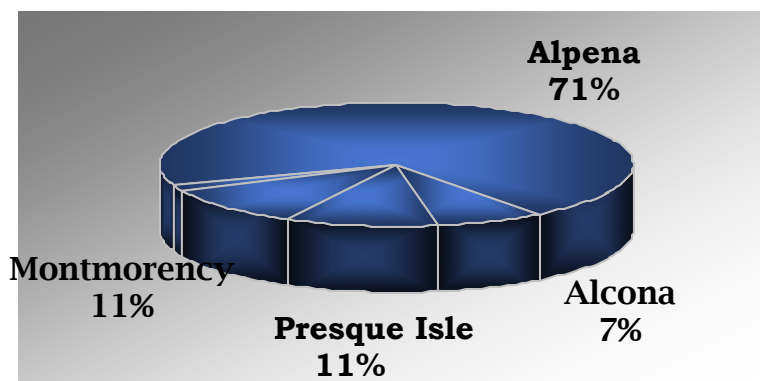
## *Investigations*



HUNT initiated 202 new investigations in 2007. 151 of those investigations were drug related, 25 were fugitive arrests, 12 were assisting other agencies. The others were various crimes such as receive and conceal stolen property, welfare fraud, furnish alcohol to minors, etc.

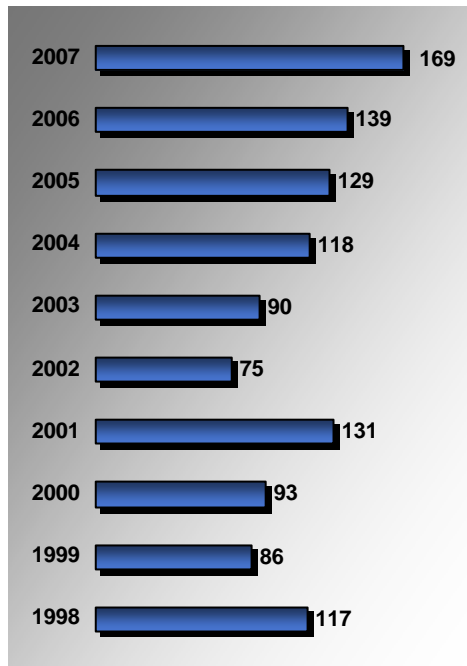
153 people have been arrested as a result of those investigations, with 28 still pending arrest, providing an arrest to case ratio of 90%

## *Investigations By County*



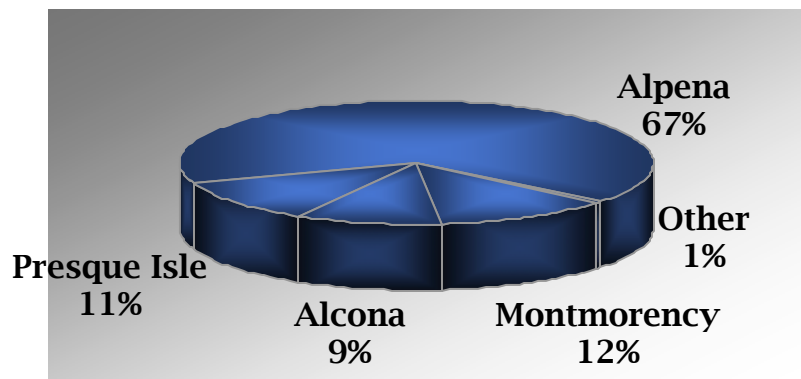
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Alpena	142
Montmorency	21
Presque Isle	21
Other	3

## Persons Arrested



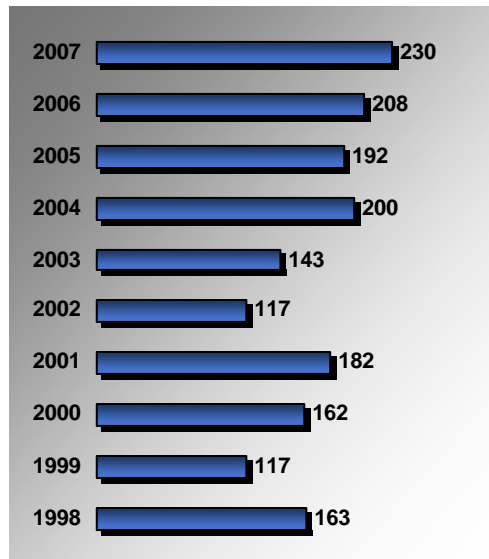
Of the 169 people HUNT arrested in 2007, 145 had previous criminal histories (86% repeat offenders), and 49 had previously been arrested by HUNT.

## Persons Arrested By County



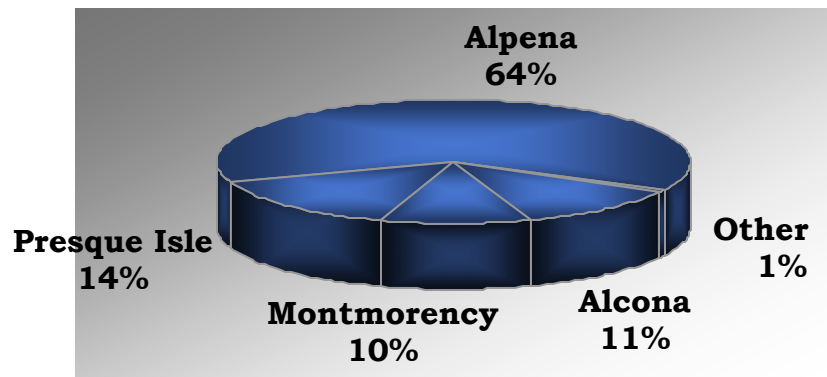
Alcona	16
Alpena	113
Montmorency	20
Presque Isle	19
Other	1

## Arrest Counts



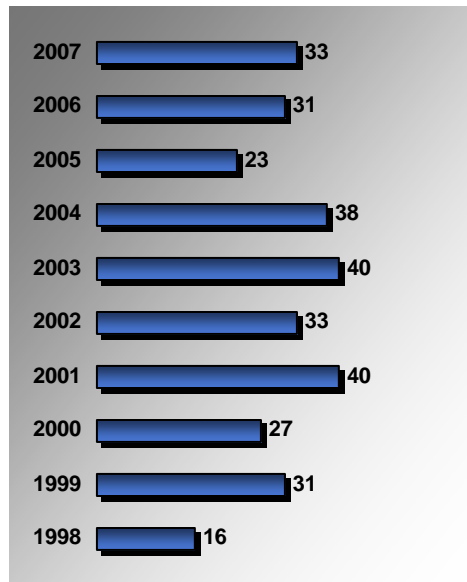
Of the 230 counts HUNT arrested people on, 167 were felony charges, 35 were misdemeanor charges, and 28 were fugitives. 177 of these were drug related. The others were receive and conceal stolen property, harboring fugitives, felony firearm, concealed weapon, sex register offender violations, and various others.

## Arrest Counts by County



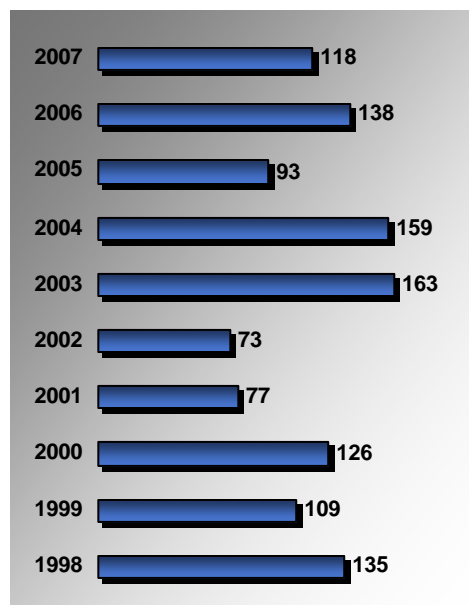
Alcona	26
Alpena	145
Montmorency	24
Presque Isle	33
Other	2

## *Search Warrants*



HUNT conducted 33 search warrants in 2007, during which 16 minor children were present with follow-up reports being sent to Protective Services, 2 weapons were encountered, and 3 illegal firearms seized.

## *Intelligence Reports*



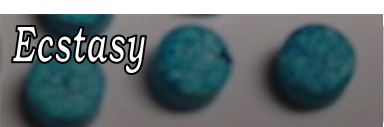
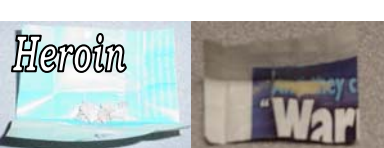








118 Intelligence Reports were entered into the Statewide Information System (STATIS). STATIS is a computerized system for the sharing of criminal investigatory information among state, federal, county, and local law enforcement agencies.



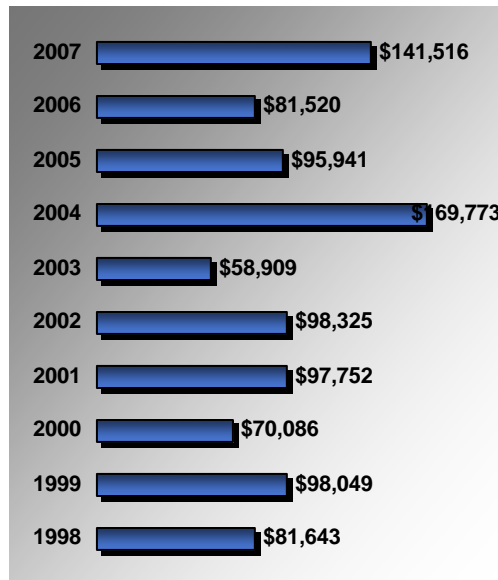
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## Drug Seizures

	70 grams	\$7,733
	12 grams	\$1,331
	9 pills	\$270
	36 grams	\$10,740
	553 plants	\$553,000
	10.33 pounds	\$10,330
	19 pills	\$285
	77 pills	\$1,155
	7 pills	\$140
	518 pills	\$2,049

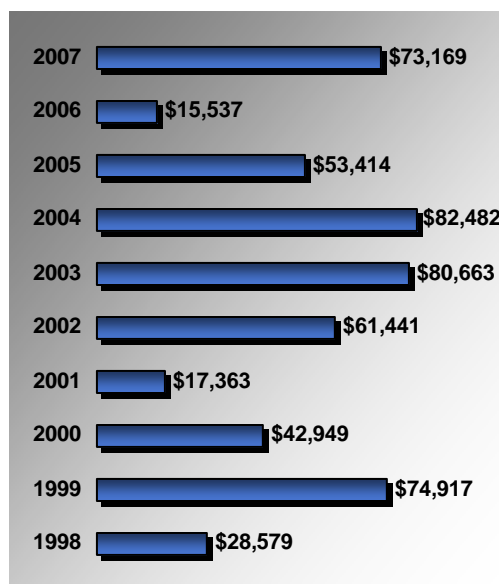
**Street Value of Drugs Seized      \$587,033**

## *Property Seizures*



HUNT seized \$141,516 worth of property during the year. This property consisted of 16 vehicles, \$54,151 in cash, and other items used to facilitate drug trafficking operations. Some of these items when adjudicated, will be sold at public auction, some will be destroyed, and some will be returned in settlement agreements.

## *Forfeiture Proceeds*



\$73,169 in forfeiture proceeds were adjudicated during the year. These proceeds were obtained through public sale of seized items, retention of seized funds, and settlement agreements.

## *Significant Cases*

### DRUG TRAFFICKER IMPRISONED

In July of 2007, a male subject, already known to HUNT detectives from prior narcotics arrests and convictions, was developed as a suspect in the trafficking of large amounts of marijuana in the Alpena area. This suspect was said to be in frequent possession of large amounts of cash and living by himself in his home, though he was unemployed.



Throughout the summer, HUNT officers made several controlled purchases of marijuana from the suspect. During this period, the suspect's movements were observed and his associates were identified. In October of 2007, following a final marijuana purchase from the suspect, HUNT detectives executed a search warrant at his home in Alpena Township. Three pounds of marijuana and nearly ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) in cash were seized from the home. The suspect was arrested and lodged in the county jail.

HUNT detectives continued to pursue the investigation and were able to discern that the suspect maintained a safe in the home of his girlfriend, located in Hubbard Lake. HUNT detectives were able to seize the safe and a search warrant for its contents was obtained. The safe was found to contain thirty-thousand, three hundred dollars (\$30,300.00) in cash, which was seized. HUNT also seized another five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) from a personal savings account held by the suspect. A total of forty-five thousand, three hundred dollars (\$45,300.00) in cash was seized from the suspect and was later forfeited to HUNT via the Narcotics Forfeiture Act.

It would later be revealed that the suspect was part of a greater marijuana distribution ring operating in Northern Lower Michigan, and a separate HUNT investigation was initiated as a result (see next page). The suspect has since been convicted and sentenced to prison.

## Significant Cases - Continued

### MARIJUANA TRAFFICKING ENTERPRISE

Throughout the summer of 2007, HUNT detectives developed information regarding a large scale marijuana distribution network, headed by a suspect who had recently been paroled from prison. This suspect had been arrested by HUNT in 2004 for running a large



and sophisticated marijuana growing operation at his residence in Metz Township, Presque Isle County.

Since his parole in early 2007, this suspect had made an exceptional effort to conceal his continued marijuana trafficking activities, having gone so far as to obtain false employment with an established Alpena business that was providing him with false paychecks and time sheets, which he presented to his parole agent. No marijuana was stored at the suspect's home at any time, as he continuously moved it from place to place to avoid detection. Further, a vast amount of his marijuana was sold by unknown accomplices who resided in counties located outside of HUNT's coverage area. Thus, the investigation into this suspect was intensive, utilizing a wide spectrum of HUNT resources and man hours on surveillance and research.

In December of 2007, HUNT detectives arrested the suspect as he was returning home from Central Northern Michigan, where he had been collecting money from two of his identified conspirators. He was found to be in possession of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00) in cash at the time. He made a full and detailed confession describing his marijuana distribution enterprise, and confirmed the identities of several suspects that were selling marijuana for him. In all, he confessed to having presided over the distribution of more than 250 pounds of marijuana since his parole, much of which was consumed in HUNT's coverage area.

Search warrants were executed across the state by cooperating narcotics teams, and large amounts of marijuana and cash were seized. The search warrant executed at the primary suspect's home resulted in the seizure of a large amount of cash as well as other property admittedly purchased with proceeds from marijuana trafficking. The suspect was returned to prison on a parole detainer, pending formal charges from this investigation.



## Significant Cases - Continued

### FEDERAL CASE INITIATED

HUNT detectives received a tip regarding an ounce of cocaine and a pound of marijuana being transported to Alpena by three suspects. HUNT detectives intercepted the three on their return trip and seized the drugs.



Two male suspects from the Flint area were identified as the source of the cocaine and marijuana. HUNT detectives then traveled to Flint and together with the Flint Area Narcotics Group (FANG), conducted a controlled purchase of two ounces of cocaine and a pound of marijuana from one of the Flint suspects. This suspect was arrested immediately and was found to be in possession of six additional ounces of cocaine and a semi-automatic handgun.

A search warrant was then executed at this Flint suspect's home where two kilograms of cocaine, six ounces of heroin, and 180 pounds of marijuana were seized. Several high-end vehicles and other luxury items were also seized under narcotics forfeiture.

The case was adopted by the FBI and three suspects were indicted by a federal grand jury, one of them had been identified by the bureau as one of the largest cocaine traffickers in the greater Flint area.

### DRUG TRAFFICKING CORRIDOR

The M-65 corridor continues to be the main entry route for narcotics being transported into HUNT's four county region of coverage. Team members continue to aggressively pursue tips and leads regarding this commerce. As a result, seven persons were intercepted with narcotics in their possession as they traveled north on this trunk line in 2007 (one of them twice in one month).

In most cases, these suspects are prosecuted in Alcona County, as HUNT prefers to affect the interceptions as soon as HUNT's coverage area has been breached. These Alcona County interceptions and prosecutions have proven to be an effective means of preventing crack cocaine, powder cocaine, heroin, and marijuana from reaching our streets.



## Significant Cases - Continued

### STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED

In late March of 2007, a HUNT detective, acting in an undercover capacity, began purchasing the highly addictive substance, Oxycodone, from a female suspect in Montmorency County. The same female later offered to sell two stolen rifles to the undercover officer, which he purchased for one hundred dollars (\$100.00) a piece.

The undercover officer was then able to meet with the male suspect who had originally provided the rifles to the female suspect. The undercover officer developed a relationship with this male suspect and began to purchase a variety of stolen property from him, including two stolen snowmobiles, stolen electric guitars, basses, amps, and high-tech mixing boards. (The musical equipment was later found to have been stolen from a church in Alpena Township during a forced entry).

Following the final undercover purchase of stolen property, a search warrant was executed at the suspect's home in Montmorency County. The suspect attempted to flee into nearby woods and was quickly captured. A search of his home resulted in the recovery of thousands of dollars worth of stolen property, as well as an identified accomplice, who shared the home.

The recovered property was reunited with its lawful owners and/or to insurance companies that had covered the losses. Numerous home invasion/theft investigations were solved, and the suspect was convicted of multiple felony counts and sentenced to jail.



## *Funding Sources*

Alcona County	68,962
Alpena City	79,215
Alpena County	69,927
Montmorency County	21,016
Presque Isle County	63,833
Green Township	1,000
Sanborn Township	500
Metz Township	300
Michigan State Police	254,530
O.D.C.P. Grant	144,635
Forfeiture Proceeds	15,621
Interest	4,329
Restitution	6,982
Stipends	975

Total Operating Costs \$731,825

## Commander's Message

As Commander of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team, I am proud to present the 2007 Annual Report. As the pages reflect, 2007 was a noteworthy year, with new beginnings, new records, and significant accomplishments.

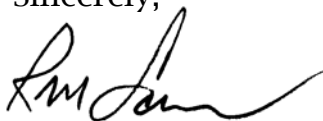
The number of investigations initiated surpassed any year in the team's history, being up 35% over the average for the past ten years. The number of persons arrested also surpassed any in the team's history, being up 32% over the past ten year average.

The inclusion of other related criminal activity in our spectrum has taken the team to levels of service that the community will certainly benefit from. We were able to assist other local agencies in the investigation of violent criminal acts, stolen property, locating wanted criminals, and more. And, as anticipated, the majority of these other crimes did show a direct linkage to the drug community.

The team was able to make undercover purchases of stolen property in two separate investigations, one of which resulted in the return of a substantial amount of stolen property to its rightful owners, and the other resulted in a large scale cocaine dealer being arrested and federally indicted in the Flint area (one of the known popular hubs in the trafficking of narcotics to Northeastern Michigan).

I am proud of the impact that the team's efforts has on the community. Each officer assigned to the team is committed to the disruption of drug trafficking and availability, as well as the associated criminal activity that accompanies it. As commander of the team, I am determined to continue this service in an effort to improve the quality of life for those in Northeastern Michigan.

Sincerely,



D/Lt. Rick Schultz  
Team Commander