

2005 ANNUAL REPORT



HURON UNDERCOVER NARCOTICS TEAM

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OVERVIEW

The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) is a multi-jurisdictional task force whose purpose is the enforcement of narcotic and controlled substance laws in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle, in Northeastern Michigan. The team consists of seven law enforcement officers who's mission is to identify and remove drug dealers from our streets and reduce the availability of drugs in our communities. There are currently five undercover officers from various local agencies, as well as a Detective Sergeant and a Detective Lieutenant from the Michigan State Police. All of these officers have been specifically trained in narcotics investigations, undercover operations, surveillance, and raid entry.

The team continues to maintain a web site at www.huntteam.net, to provide public awareness through press releases, drug identification, and to encourage the submittal of anonymous tips. This web site has proven to be an asset, and to date has hosted 2,907 visitors.



2005 proved to be a successful year for the team and the communities they serve. 155 new investigations were initiated, and 129 people arrested. Over \$487,000 worth of illegal drugs were removed from our streets during the course of these investigations.

The following pages reflect the team's accomplishments over the past year, as well as highlight some of the significant cases.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Doug Ellinger—Chairman
Sheriff, Alcona County

F/Lt. Mike Caldwell—Vice Chairman
Alpena Post Commander, Michigan State Police

Don McLennan—Legal Advisor
Prosecuting Attorney, Presque Isle County

Steve Kieliszewski—Secretary/Treasurer
Sheriff, Alpena County

Doug Baum
Sheriff, Montmorency County

Captain Charles Bush
SID Commander, Michigan State Police

Terri Case
Prosecuting Attorney, Montmorency County

Terry Flewelling
Sheriff, Presque Isle County

James Gibson
Chief, Onaway Police Department

Dennis Grenkowicz
Prosecuting Attorney, Alpena County

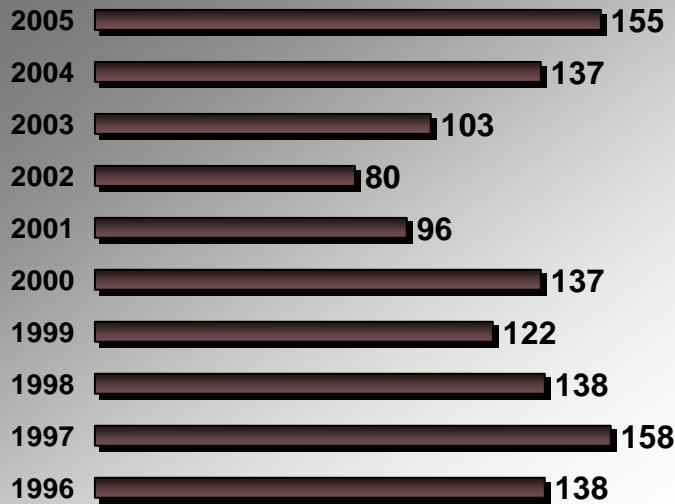
Matthew Quaine
Chief, Rogers City Police Department

Thad Taylor
Public Safety Director, City of Alpena

Tom Weichel
Prosecuting Attorney, Alcona County

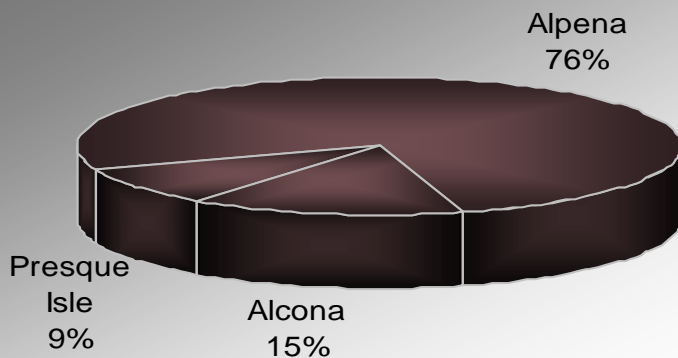
At the July officer elections, Tom Weichel stepped down as Chairman after serving in that position for 11 years.

INVESTIGATIONS



HUNT initiated 155 new investigations in 2005. 113 people have been arrested as a result of those investigations and 23 are still pending arrests. Totaling 136, or 88%

INVESTIGATIONS BY COUNTY

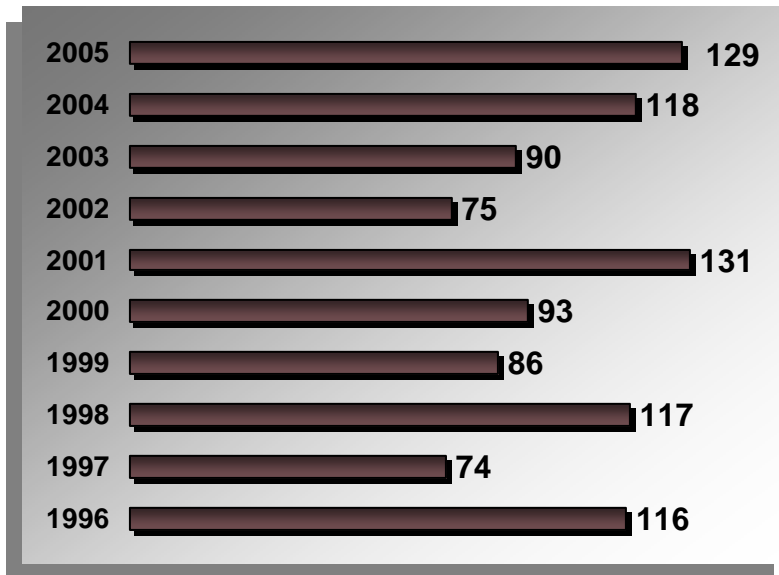


Alcona.....23

Alpena.....118

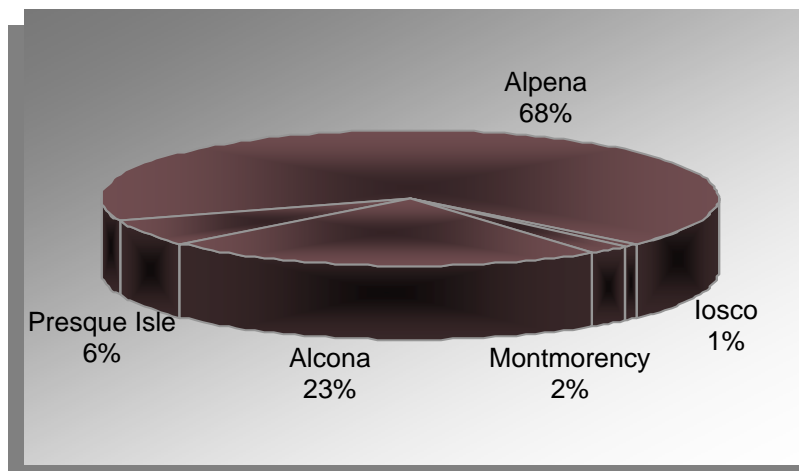
Presque Isle...14

PERSONS ARRESTED



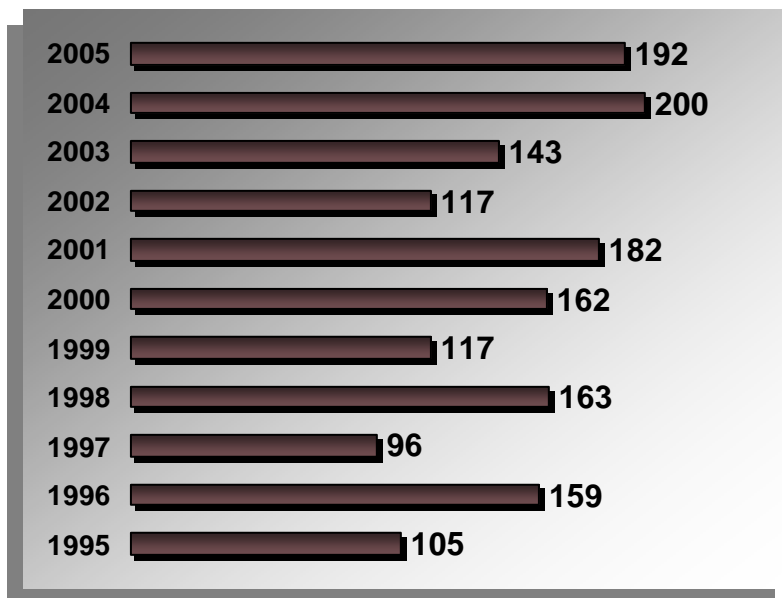
Of the 129 people HUNT arrested in 2005, 79 had previous criminal histories (61% repeat offenders), and 37 of those had previously been arrested by HUNT.

PERSONS ARRESTED BY COUNTY



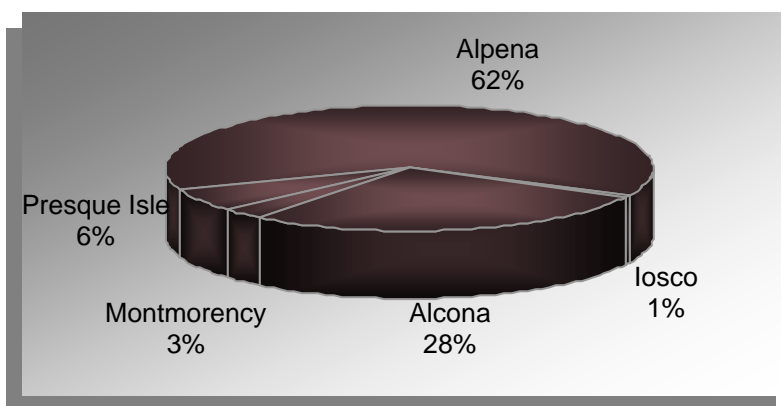
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Iosco.....1
Alpena.....87
Montmorency.....3
Presque Isle.....8

ARREST COUNTS



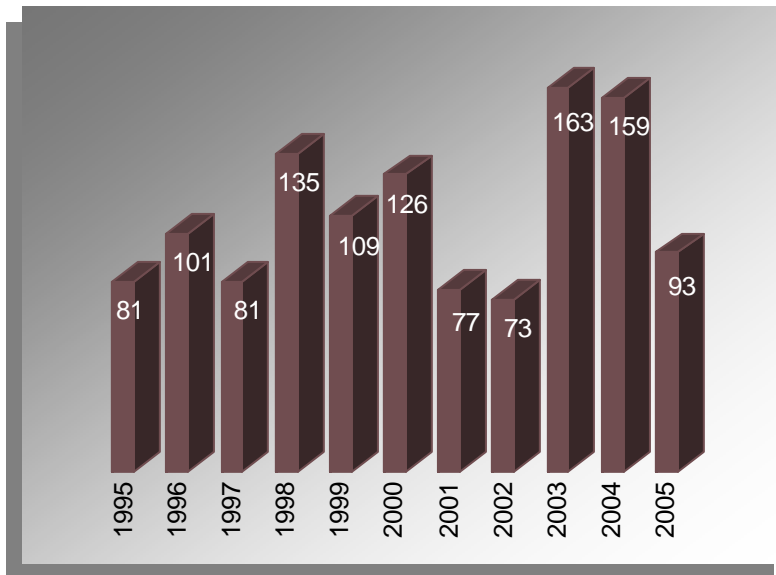
Of the 192 arrest counts HUNT obtained warrants for, 134 were felony charges, and 39 were misdemeanor charges. 158 of these were drug related. The others were aggravated assault, concealed weapon, reckless driving, minor in possession of alcohol, etc.

ARREST COUNTS BY COUNTY



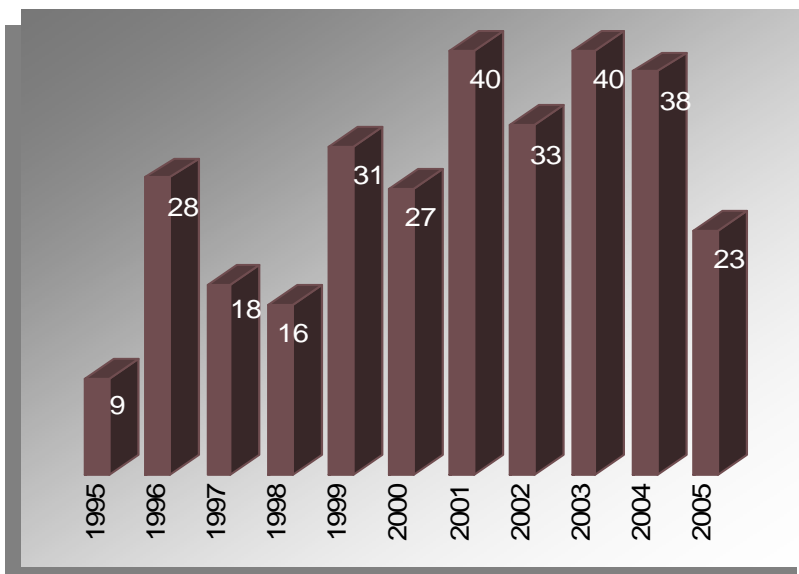
Alcona.....54
Alpena.....120
Iosco.....1
Montmorency.....5
Presque Isle....12

INTELLIGENCE REPORTS



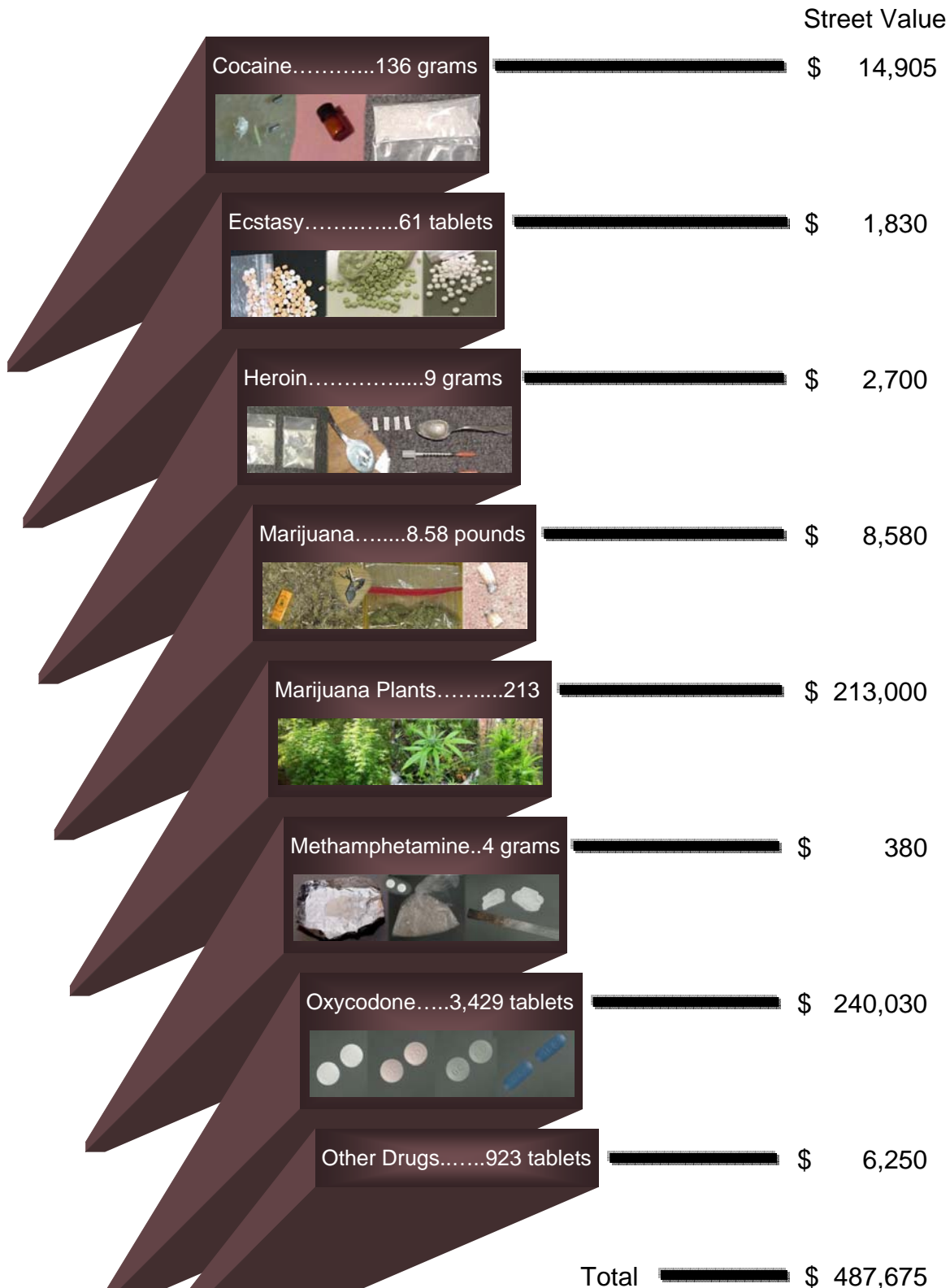
Intelligence Reports are entered into the Statewide Information System (STATIS), which is a computerized system for the sharing of criminal investigatory information among state, federal, county, and local law enforcement agencies.

SEARCH WARRANTS

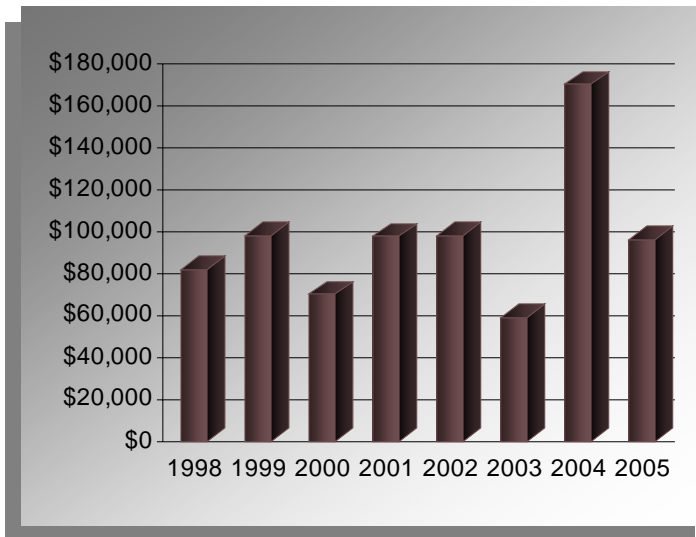


HUNT conducted 23 search warrants in 2005, during which 9 minor children were present, with follow-up reports being sent to Protective Services, 3 weapons were encountered, and 4 illegal firearms seized.

DRUG SEIZURES

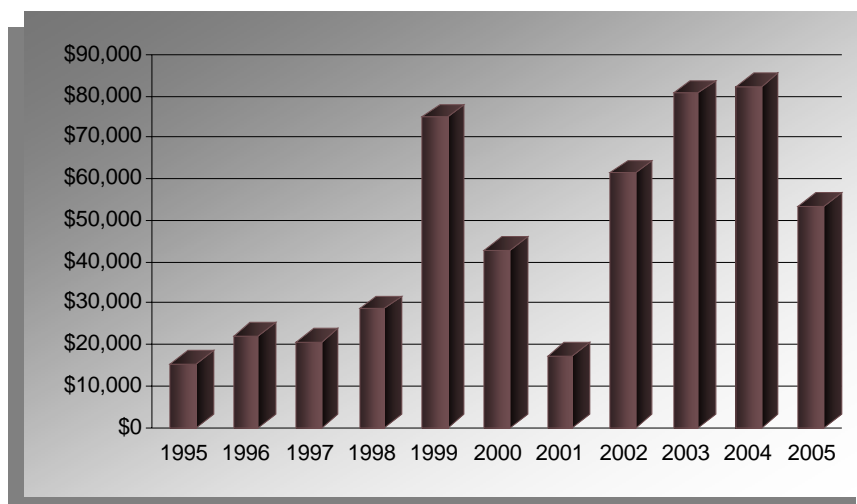


PROPERTY SEIZURES



HUNT seized \$95,941 worth of property during the year. This property consisted of 16 vehicles, \$10,730 in cash, two residences, 4 firearms, and other items that were being used to facilitate drug trafficking operations. Some of these items when/if adjudicated, will be sold at public auction, some will be destroyed, and some will be return in settlement agreements.

FORFEITURE PROCEEDS



\$53,414 in forfeiture proceeds were adjudicated during the year. These proceeds were obtained through public sale of seized items, retention of seized funds, and settlements on property.

SIGNIFICANT CASES

LARGE SCALE MARIJUANA TRAFFICKER ARRESTED

In March of 2005, HUNT conducted a controlled purchase of one pound of marijuana from an individual in Alpena County. Following the controlled purchase a search warrant was conducted at the suspect's home, which resulted in the seizure of an additional two pounds of marijuana, 58 ecstasy pills, two vehicles, a quantity of cash, and various other items. The suspect was arrested at the scene and charged with one count delivery of marijuana, one count possession with intent to deliver marijuana, and one count possession with intent to deliver ecstasy (MDMA). It was determined through this investigation that this suspect had been trafficking in pound quantities of marijuana on a continual basis, as well as substantial quantities of ecstasy. This suspect was later convicted and sentenced to 4-20 years in prison.



BELKNAP TOWNSHIP RESIDENT ARRESTED FOR SELLING OXYCODONE



In April of 2005, an undercover officer purchased 84 oxycodone pills from an individual in Presque Isle County. Following this undercover purchase a traffic stop was conducted and all the funds recovered. The suspect gave officers consent to search his home, where officers located an additional 3,111 oxycodone tablets, as well as a quantity of marijuana. These pills, at the average street price, could have been sold for over two hundred, seventeen thousand dollars (\$217,000.00). The suspect was arrested and later charged with one count delivery of oxycodone, one

count possession with intent to deliver oxycodone, and one count possession of marijuana. Also seized in this case was a semi-automatic pistol and a vehicle. This suspect plead guilty as charged, and was sentenced in September to 21 months to 20 years in prison.

OPERATION HEMP FLIGHTS

During the Operation HEMP (a federally funded program called Help Eliminate Marijuana Planting) flights, with the assistance of pilots from the Michigan National Guard, HUNT eradicated a total of 170 marijuana plants, growing in outdoor plots. 3 people have been arrested for manufacturing marijuana as a result of these investigations, and 2 are still pending arrests.



SIGNIFICANT CASES

HUNT ARRESTS TWO FOR DELIVERY OF HEROIN

HUNT investigators intercepted a duo, boyfriend and girlfriend, while en route to deliver heroin to an Alpena resident. The 23 year old male individual and his 19 year old female companion were both formerly of Alpena, and had maintained ties in the drug community there. HUNT investigators seized 10 packets of heroin from the suspects, as well as a quantity of cash and a motor vehicle. A follow-up investigation conducted with the assistance of the Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group (STING) seized an additional amount of suspected heroin and marijuana from a residence associated with the couple, in Grayling, Michigan.



Both suspects were charged by the Alcona County Prosecutor with possession with intent to deliver heroin. The male subject plead guilty as charged and was sentenced to 2-30 years in prison. The female subject also plead guilty as charged and was sentenced to 90 days jail, 2 years probation, and fines and costs.

HUNT PURCHASES VICODIN, MARIJUANA, AND COCAINE IN ALCONA COUNTY



In January of 2005, a HUNT officer made an undercover purchase of vicodin pills and marijuana from an individual in Alcona County. The undercover officer, who had been informed that this individual was also known for selling crack cocaine, asked if any cocaine was available. The following day the individual called the undercover officer and advised that he could provide the requested crack cocaine, providing the undercover officer pay for a bus ticket from downstate. The undercover officer made these arrangements, and subsequently purchased 5 grams (3 eight-balls) of crack cocaine from the suspect in Harrisville.

Following this purchase, the suspect was arrested, and charged with one count delivery of marijuana, one count delivery of vicodin, and one count delivery of cocaine. This suspect plead guilty as charged, and was sentenced to 46 months to 20 years in prison.

FUNDING SOURCES

Alcona County	56,329
Alpena City	37,538
Alpena County	63,433
Presque Isle County	36,017
Sanborn Township	500
Michigan State Police	238,895
Forfeiture Proceeds	82,694
O.D.C.P. Byrne Grant	146,318
Interest	185
Restitution	5,780
Stipends	1,325
Previous Years Forfeiture Proceeds	5,862
 Total Operating Costs	 \$ 674,876

(The above figures reflect the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005)

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

2005 was a year to be proud of for the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team. The number of new investigations were up 23% over the average for the past ten years, persons arrested were up 25% over the average, and arrest counts were up 17% over the average.

For the first time in the team's history, we had one undercover officer from each county that we covered, as well as one from the city of Alpena. This contributes to the success of the team as each officer has experience with the local drug atmosphere, and has a relationship with the officers from the department he/she is employed through.

The team continues to monitor drug trends, in order to be prepared to combat each one. The use and trafficking of heroin has seriously increased in recent years, and now seems to be a permanent fixture in the drug world in Northeast Michigan. Crack cocaine and prescription pain pills are also readily abused. These together with the ever popular marijuana, present a challenge as the HUNT team strives to intervene with drug trafficking operations.

The HUNT team is committed to protecting and improving the quality of life in our communities by reducing the number of drug traffickers and the availability of drugs. As commander of the team, I am proud of the work we have done, and will continue to lead the team through their pursuit of the narcotics traffickers in Northeast Michigan.

Sincerely,



D/Lt. Rick M. Schultz
Huron Undercover Narcotics Team
Unit Commander