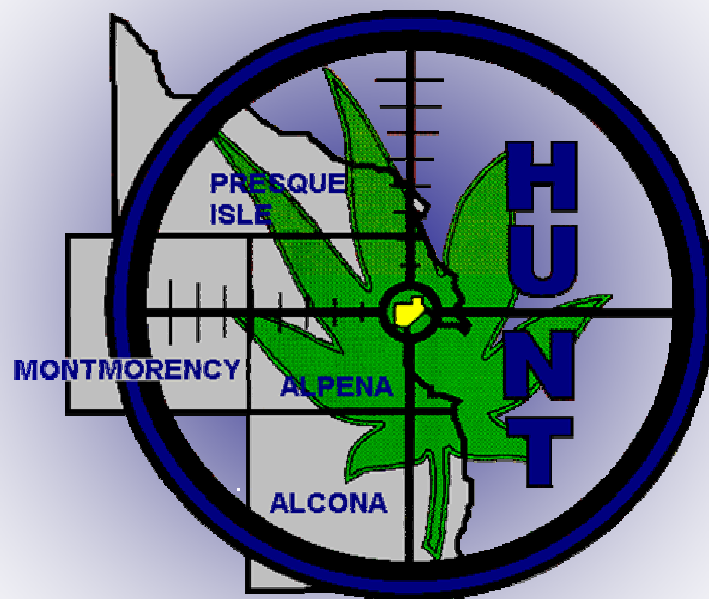


# Huron Undercover Narcotics Team



## 2001 Annual Report



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# Huron Undercover Narcotics Team

## Overview

The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team is a multi-jurisdictional task force whose goal is to improve quality of life and have a positive impact on crime through narcotics enforcement in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle.

Since its induction in 1990 the team has initiated 1,383 investigations and has arrested 1,022 people. Three hundred firearms have been confiscated as a result of these investigations, and over 4 million dollars (street value) of drugs has been removed from our communities.

During the year of 2001, HUNT was comprised of officers from the Michigan State Police, the Alpena County Sheriff Department, the Alpena Police Department, the Montmorency County Sheriff Department, and the Presque Isle County Sheriff Department. These officers are specially trained in narcotics investigations, as well as undercover operations, surveillance, and raid entry. HUNT has in the past, and will continue to provide these services in a coordinated effort with any local law enforcement agency requesting them.

As this annual report reflects, 2001 was another successful year for the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team. The team arrested 131 people during the year, which is the most ever, in the team's history. The team was able to remove over \$400,000 worth of drugs from the streets, including MDMA (Ecstasy), LSD, Cocaine, and Oxycodone, as well as the ever-popular Marijuana and various other illicit drugs.

The removal of drugs from the streets, and the arrests of those distributing them, can greatly improve the safety and quality of life of the people in the communities of Northeast Michigan.

## Executive Board

### Chairman

Prosecuting Attorney Thomas Weichel

### Vice Chairman

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### Secretary Treasurer

Sheriff Douglas Ellinger

### Legal Advisor

Prosecuting Attorney Donald McLennan

## Board of Directors

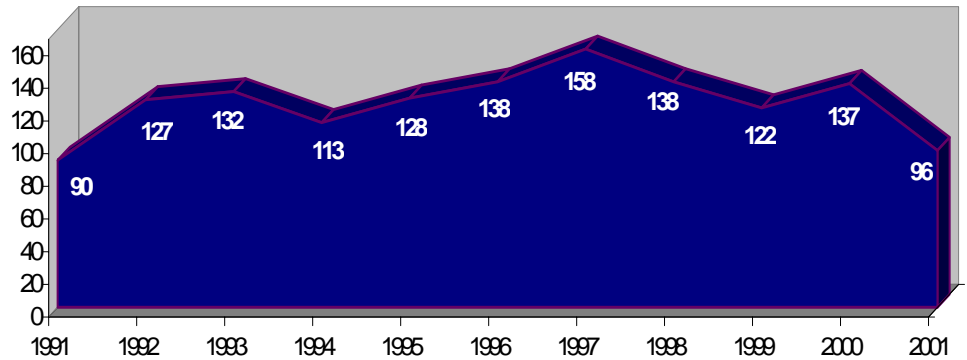
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Donald McLennan-----	Prosecuting Attorney, Presque Isle County
Captain Jim Patrick-----	Division Commander, MSP – CID
Matthew Quaine-----	Chief, Rogers City Police Department
Thad Taylor-----	Public Safety Director, City of Alpena
Thomas Weichel-----	Prosecuting Attorney, Alcona County

## Statistics

<b>Criminal Investigations-----</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Arrests-----</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Arrest Counts-----</b>	<b>182</b>
<b>Firearms Seized-----</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Forfeiture Proceeds-----</b>	<b>\$17,363</b>
<b>Intelligence Reports-----</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Search Warrants-----</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Street Value of Drugs Seized----</b>	<b>\$401,898</b>

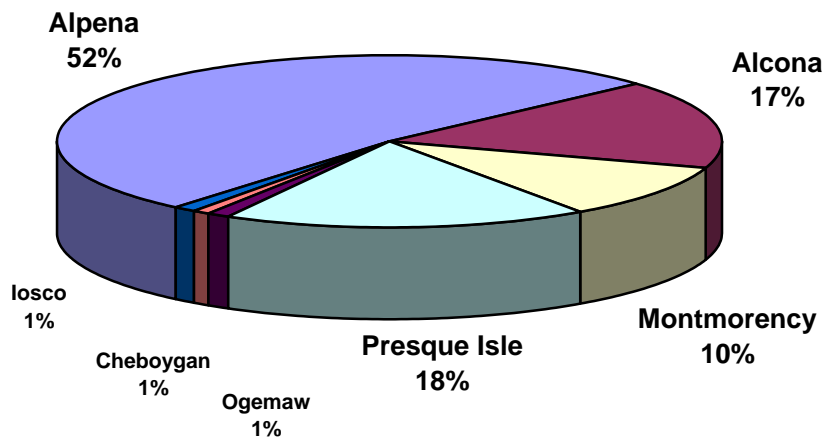
## Investigations

1991	90
1992	127
1993	132
1994	113
1995	128
1996	138
1997	158
1998	138
1999	122
2000	137
2001	96



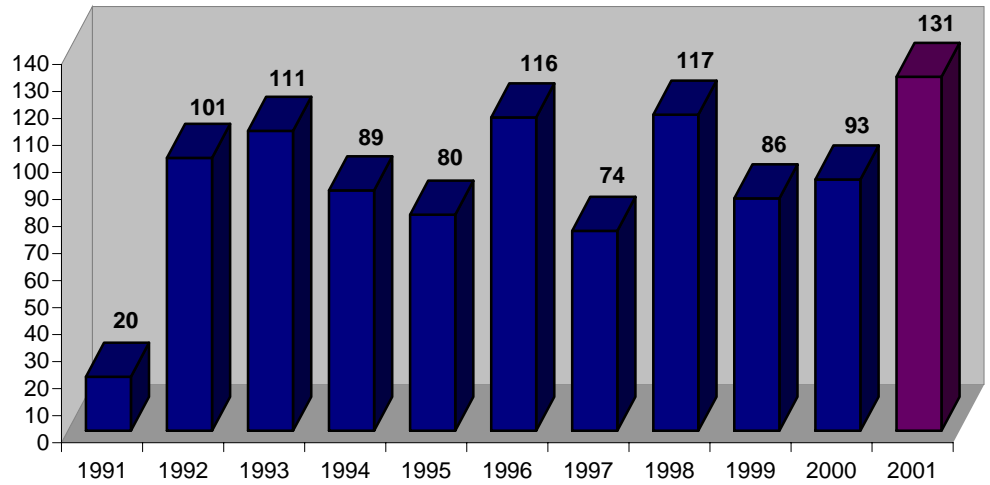
## Investigations by County

Alcona	16
Alpena	50
Cheboygan	1
Iosco	1
Montmorency	10
Ogemaw	1
Presque Isle	17



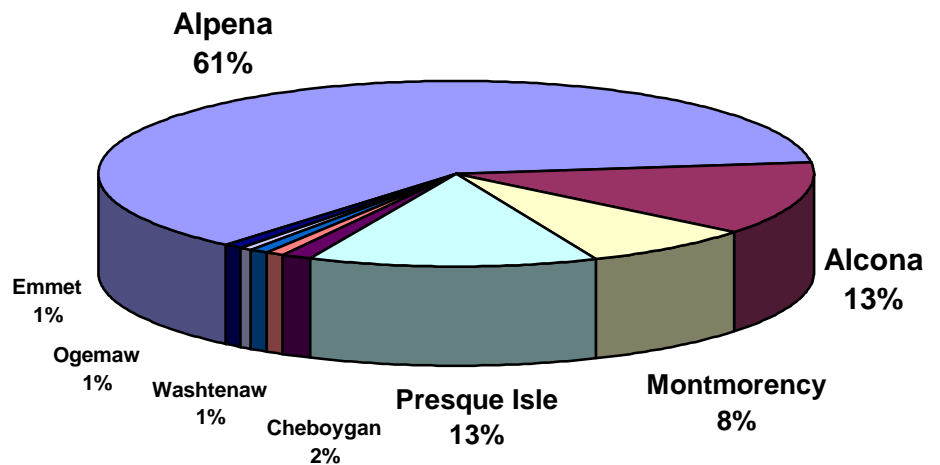
## Persons Arrested

1991	20
1992	101
1993	111
1994	89
1995	80
1996	116
1997	74
1998	117
1999	86
2000	93
2001	131



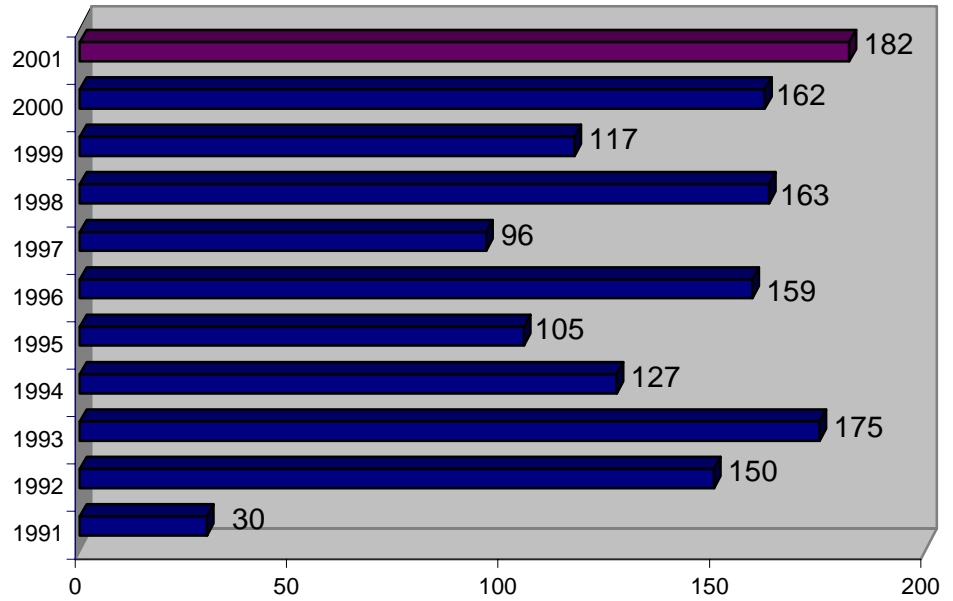
## Persons Arrested by County

Alcona	17
Alpena	81
Cheboygan	2
Emmet	1
Montmorency	10
Ogemaw	1
Oscoda	1
Presque Isle	17
Washtenaw	1



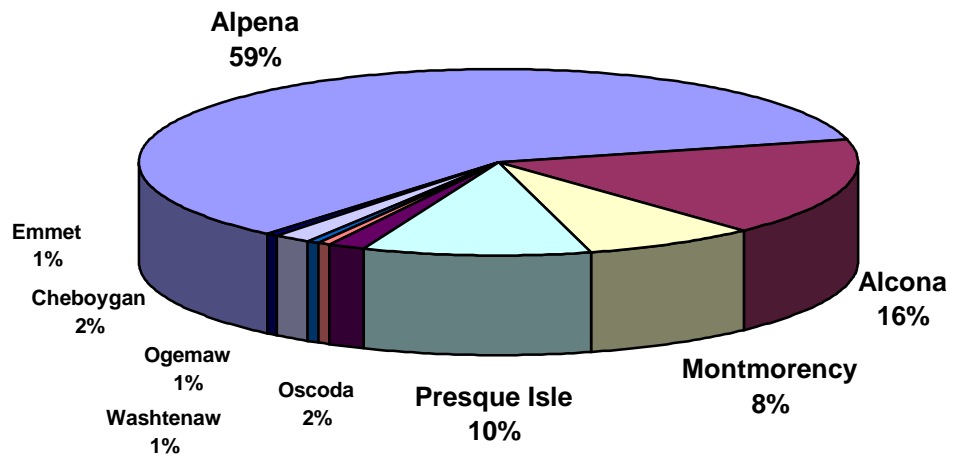
## Arrest Counts

1991	30
1992	150
1993	175
1994	127
1995	105
1996	159
1997	96
1998	163
1999	117
2000	162
2001	182



## Arrest Counts by County

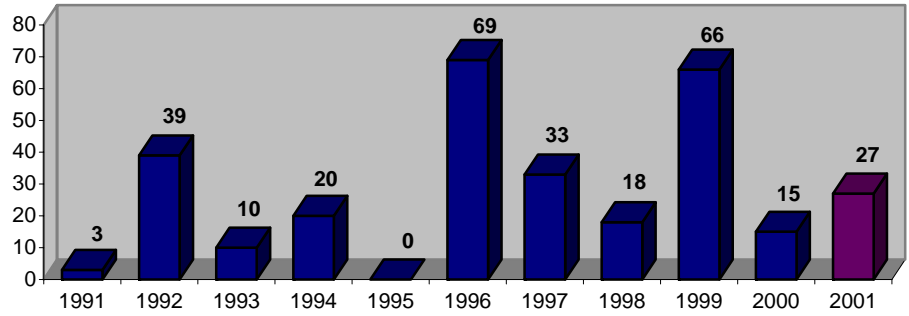
Alcona	31
Alpena	109
Cheboygan	3
Emmet	1
Montmorency	14
Ogemaw	1
Oscoda	3
Presque Isle	19
Washtenaw	1





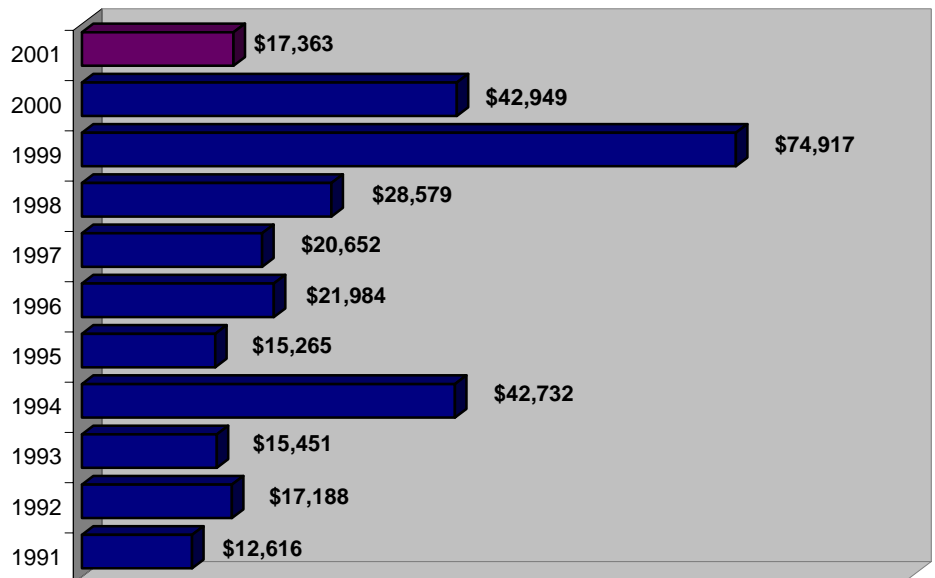
## Firearms Seized

1991	3
1992	39
1993	10
1994	20
1995	0
1996	69
1997	33
1998	18
1999	66
2000	15
2001	27



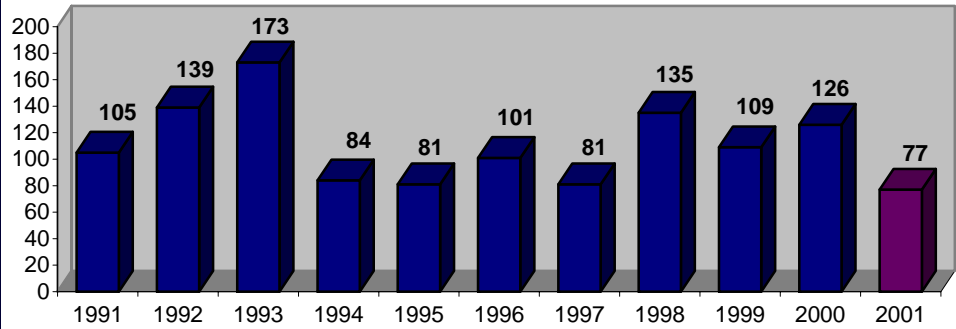
## Forfeiture Proceeds

1991	\$12,616
1992	\$17,188
1993	\$15,451
1994	\$42,732
1995	\$15,265
1996	\$21,984
1997	\$20,652
1998	\$28,579
1999	\$74,917
2000	\$42,949
2001	\$17,363



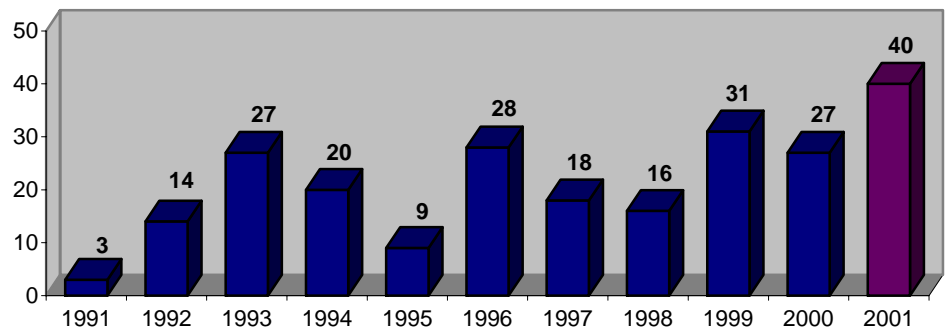
## Intelligence Reports

1991	105
1992	139
1993	173
1994	84
1995	81
1996	101
1997	81
1998	135
1999	109
2000	126
2001	77



## Search Warrants

1991	3
1992	14
1993	27
1994	20
1995	9
1996	28
1997	18
1998	16
1999	31
2000	27
2001	40



## Funding Sources

### 2000/2001 Fiscal Year

Michigan State Police-----	\$208,486
Federal Grant-----	\$136,193
Alpena County-----	\$ 43,837
City of Alpena-----	\$ 30,000
Alcona County-----	\$ 19,000
Montmorency County-----	\$ 19,000
Presque Isle County-----	\$ 19,000
City of Rogers City-----	\$ 4,000
City of Onaway-----	\$ 1,000
Forfeiture Proceeds-----	\$ 17,363
Restitution-----	\$ 2,154
Previous Years Forfeiture & Interest----	\$ 43,539
<b>Total Operating Costs-----</b>	<b>\$543,572</b>

## Significant Cases

- Each year the HUNT arrests suspects who have been arrested by the HUNT in previous years. On occasion these suspects have parents who have also been arrested by the HUNT. One investigation that was culminated in the early part of the year followed both of those trends. The investigation began in the later part of 2000 when the HUNT had received numerous tips regarding the trafficking of narcotics from a residence located in the city of Alpena. The HUNT ultimately made purchases of narcotics from the residence. The investigation was culminated with the execution of a search warrant. A fog of marijuana smoke met officers as they entered the home and marijuana was found in virtually every room. HUNT officers seized marijuana (packaged for sale), LSD (in sugar cube form), liquid LSD, various prescription medications, scales, and one thousand four hundred five dollars (\$1,405.00). The owner of the home, who had been arrested for delivery of marijuana by HUNT in 1993, was later arrested for maintaining a drug house. Her son, who had been arrested by HUNT in 1999 for delivery of marijuana, was arrested for delivery of marijuana and possession with intent to deliver LSD. The homeowner's boyfriend was arrested for possession with intent to deliver marijuana. Two other suspects, who were not living at the residence but were at the scene during the execution of the search warrant, were found in possession of marijuana and later charged.
- Throughout the year HUNT detectives receive numerous tips regarding suspected narcotics trafficking in our communities. A large number of these tips are from those who suspect narcotics in their neighborhood. During the early part of 2001, HUNT received a number of tips regarding a residence located in Alpena Township. This suspect residence was located less than two miles from the Alpena High School. It was believed that a number of high school students were using and buying drugs from inside the home, because the greatest amount of traffic was during lunch hour and shortly after school. During the month of March 2001, HUNT developed enough information to execute a search warrant at the home. HUNT officers seized approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  pound of marijuana, along with digital scales. One suspect was arrested for possession with intent to deliver marijuana.

## Significant Cases

- The majority of crime in Northeast Michigan is related to some form of substance abuse. During the past year over 65% of suspects arrested by the HUNT had a prior arrest record. This being the case, there are times when other crimes are uncovered during the HUNT investigations. A good example of that was an investigation in which the HUNT assisted a local police department. The Alpena Police Department was handling a domestic dispute when they ran across narcotics paraphernalia. HUNT was contacted and arrived on the scene to assist. A search warrant was then prepared and executed at the residence. Officers seized approximately ¼ pound of marijuana, prescription medication, hash, narcotics paraphernalia, four thousand four hundred and fifty-two dollars (\$4,452.00), video equipment including video tapes, and a computer as well as computer disks. The suspect was a convicted sex offender who had not changed his address. The computer and disks contained pictures of child pornography. The suspect was arrested for possession with intent to deliver marijuana, failure to register as a sex offender, computers-utilized to commit a crime, and possession of child sexually abusive material.
- A great deal of narcotics coming into Michigan comes from the southwest region of the United States. Typically these are large quantities of drugs, which are transported into the state before they are broken down, and find their way into Northeast Michigan. There are instances when drug traffickers utilize a common carrier to move those drugs from one place to another. This was the case during an investigation in March of 2001, when HUNT worked with the United States Postal Service. During this investigation, a suspect from Alpena flew to Arizona to obtain marijuana. The suspect then utilized a common carrier to deliver the marijuana to another suspect in Alpena. During this investigation, HUNT officers executed two search warrants, one in the city of Alpena, and one in Alpena Township. HUNT officers seized over 5 ½ pounds of marijuana, various prescription medications, trace evidence of cocaine, nitrous oxide cartridges along with whippet paraphernalia, a triple beam scale, a 9 mm semi-automatic pistol, an SUV, and eight thousand three hundred twenty dollars (\$8,320.00). Three suspects were arrested in this investigation, one for delivery of marijuana, one for possession of cocaine, and one for possession of marijuana.

## Significant Cases

- A big part of the HUNT's work is involved in the gathering and documentation of intelligence information related to criminal activity. In some of these cases, HUNT is able to act on the information quickly and effect the arrests. In other cases, HUNT develops information over a number of years before they're able to develop a case and effect an arrest. The latter was the case in an investigation that was culminated in the Spring 2001. HUNT had developed information over a period of years before finally infiltrating an individual who was involved in the distribution of cocaine and marijuana in the city of Alpena. HUNT officers executed a search warrant and seized marijuana, cocaine, a twin beam scale, a triple beam scale, narcotics paraphernalia, one thousand two hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$1,297.00) of U.S. currency, and two handguns. Two suspects were arrested, one for delivery of marijuana and possession of cocaine, and the other for two counts delivery of marijuana and one count of possession of cocaine.
- Another excellent investigation began during the previous year when citizens in Alcona County reported suspected narcotics trafficking in their neighborhood. The end result had a positive impact on not only their neighborhood, but also the neighboring communities. During the Spring of 2001, HUNT was able to infiltrate the suspects who were selling narcotics. A search warrant was prepared and executed at the residence where HUNT seized over 10 pounds of marijuana, cocaine, prescription medication, digital and triple beam scales, and nine hundred thirty-five dollars (\$935.00) in cash. Two suspects were arrested in this investigation, one for two counts of delivery of marijuana, one count of possession with intent to deliver marijuana, and one count of possession of cocaine. The other suspect was arrested for possession with intent to deliver marijuana, and possession of cocaine.
- The HUNT assists area departments with a variety of services, including fugitive pickups, surveillance, equipment loans, and information on criminal activities other than narcotics. On one occasion during the past year, a HUNT detective was interviewing a confidential informant on narcotics information. During this interview the suspect confessed to breaking into homes and stealing property in Montmorency County. HUNT detectives prepared 3 search warrants to recover stolen property. The search warrants were conducted at 3 locations in Montmorency County. HUNT detectives assisted in executing each of the search warrants and recovering the stolen property, which was turned over to the Montmorency County Sheriff Department.

## Significant Cases

- ▶ During all of HUNT's investigations, attempts are made to move up the ladder in our investigations and identify the sources of the narcotics. Many times the investigations lead HUNT outside of the four county areas. While investigating the distribution of cocaine from two different areas in Alcona County, HUNT was able to succeed in identifying the sources. During an investigation into the distribution of cocaine in the Lincoln area of Alcona County, it was determined the source was from the Detroit area. In the spring of 2001, the suspect was arrested for delivery of cocaine. Upon his arrest, officers seized one thousand three hundred twenty-two dollars (\$1,322.00). A search warrant was then executed at a residence where this suspect stayed, while selling his cocaine. Officers seized approximately one ounce of cocaine, an ounce of hash, and one shotgun. The person residing at the home was later arrested for possession with intent to deliver cocaine and maintaining a drug house. The suspect from Detroit was later arrested on an additional count of possession with intent to deliver cocaine.
- ▶ During the second investigation HUNT identified three suspects who were selling cocaine from the Spruce area of Alcona County. Two of the suspects resided in Alcona County and the other resided in Shiawasee County. HUNT had received information that one of the suspects from Alcona County and the suspect from Shiawasee County would be travelling down to the Lansing area to pick up cocaine. HUNT officers, along with two other narcotics task forces, followed the suspects from Alcona County, to a source in Lansing. As the suspects were travelling back up north with the cocaine, they were stopped. Officers seized approximately one ounce of cocaine. Both suspects were later arrested. The suspect from Alcona County was arrested on two counts of delivery of cocaine and one count of conspiracy to deliver cocaine. The Shiawasee County resident was arrested for conspiracy to deliver cocaine. That left HUNT with the third suspect, who was selling cocaine in Alcona County. Officers received information that this individual would be travelling to Bay County to pick up cocaine to sell in Northeast Michigan. This suspect was stopped shortly after entering Alcona County. Detectives seized approximately ½ ounce of cocaine. This suspect was later arrested for delivery of cocaine and possession with intent to deliver cocaine. The driver was arrested for possession with intent to deliver cocaine.

## Significant Cases

- A big part of HUNT's responsibility is not only gathering information of criminal activity, but also forwarding this information to other law enforcement agencies. During the past couple years, HUNT has developed information on suspects in Alpena County, who were growing marijuana on their property in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. HUNT forwarded this information to the Straits Area Narcotics Team (SANE). The SANE officers were following up on this tip when they spotted marijuana plants on the property. The suspect from Alpena County and his son were caught tending the plants and were arrested for manufacturing of marijuana. SANE officers seized 32 marijuana plants from the property. HUNT officers executed a search warrant at the suspect's residence in Alpena County and seized approximately three pounds of marijuana, nine long guns, and narcotics paraphernalia. Arrest warrants are pending for those involved.
- Northeast Michigan has been a popular area for suspects to grow marijuana. The sparsely populated areas and large amount of federal and state forestland is very appealing to those looking to grow marijuana plants. Last fall, HUNT officers, working with the U.S. Forest Service, began surveillance of marijuana plants growing on federal forest property in Alcona County. One suspect was caught harvesting 17 marijuana plants. The suspect was found to be from Iosco County. A consent search of his residence produced approximately ¾ pound of marijuana and triple beam scales. The investigation continued, and officers identified three other plots of marijuana plants growing on public lands. A suspect and his home were identified. HUNT elicited assistance from the United States Forest Service and the Strike Enforcement Group (STING) to assist in this investigation. Officers began conducting surveillance on two plots in Alcona County. The suspect was observed harvesting plants from the smaller of the two plots. Surveillance continued on the other plot, which had five times the number of plants. Several days later, the suspect was observed harvesting the larger plot, and he was taken into custody. A search warrant was executed at his home where officers found an elaborate indoor grow operation and seized 106 marijuana plants. Officers also seized approximately 30 pounds of marijuana in various stages of drying, two handguns, four long guns, digital scales, numerous items for growing marijuana, and two surveillance cameras. Officers seized 78 marijuana plants that were growing on federal forest property in Alcona and Iosco counties. Uniform officers, as well as the DEA and the U.S. Attorney's office also assisted the HUNT in this investigation. Two suspects were indicted for manufacturing marijuana. This investigation demonstrates a collaborative effort between uniform officers, federal law enforcement agencies, and other narcotics task forces.



## Significant Cases

- Each year it seems as though there is a new trend in drug use in Michigan. Typically these trends begin in the more urban areas of the state, and ultimately make their way up into our communities of Northeast Michigan. The rave party scene has gained in popularity and a drug that is popular at those parties is the drug GHB or GBL. The HUNT had never seized nor heard of the drug's availability in Northeast Michigan. That changed during 2001 when HUNT officers were requested to assist the Alpena County Sheriff Department at the scene of an overdose. When detectives arrived on the scene, they found evidence of what was believed to be GHB/GBL. Through evidence gathered and interviews conducted at the scene, detectives were able to identify the source of the drug. HUNT officers prepared a search warrant, which was executed at a residence located in the city of Alpena. During the execution of the search warrant, officers seized dispensing paraphernalia, and identified three suspects who were involved in the distribution of the substance, believed to be GHB/GBL. Officers seized a substance, which through lab analysis was determined to be an analogue of GHB. The analogue is a schedule I narcotic and arrest warrants are pending.
- The sale and abuse of prescription medication, specifically Oxycodone, is a serious problem in Northeast Michigan and affects people of all ages. The drug is a problem because of four reasons. It does not carry the social stigma of harder drugs such as cocaine or heroin, it is readily available in our area, there is a big profit to be made for those who hold the prescriptions, and the drug is highly addictive. During the early part of the year, HUNT noticed a more concentrated problem in the northwest portion of Presque Isle County. The information that HUNT received was supported by overdose admissions from the closest hospital, Community Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan. The hospital noticed an increase in overdoses attributed to Oxycodone. The HUNT was able to infiltrate the group that was involved in abusing and distributing the drug. The HUNT arrested 11 suspects for selling Oxycodone in the northwest portion of Presque Isle County. These arrests had a very positive impact on the communities. The arrests also created a great deal of media attention throughout Northern Michigan, which created a tremendous amount of awareness in the dangers of Oxycodone.

## Conclusion

*The success of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team is due in great part to the support received from the people and communities that we serve. This support comes in the form of monetary contributions from governmental entities, tips and information from concerned citizens and local law enforcement officers, and assistance from local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.*

*The team would like to thank all it's supporters for the opportunity to work alongside law enforcement agencies, school officials, treatment centers, and citizens, in a cooperative effort to combat the sale, manufacture, use, and abuse of drugs in our communities.*

*We hope our commitment to the enforcement of narcotics laws and the reduction of criminal activity will contribute to a better quality of life for the people of Northeast Michigan..*