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WEST MICHIGAN ENFORCEMENT TEAM

2009 WEMET Annual Report

Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Enforcement Team



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OPERATIONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Gary Rosema
Ottawa County Sheriff

VICE CHAIRPERSON 2009

Chief Tony Kleibecker
Muskegon Police Department

Allegan County Prosecutor
Prosecutor Frederick Anderson

Allegan County Sheriff Department
Sheriff Blaine Koops

Zeeland Police Department
Chief William Olney

Grand Haven Dept. of Public Safety,
Director Dennis Edwards

Norton Shores Police Department
Chief Dan Shaw

Ottawa County Prosecutor
Prosecutor Ronald Frantz

Ottawa County Sheriff Department
Sheriff Gary Rosema

Holland Police Department
Acting Chief Matt Messer

Muskegon Police Department
Chief Tony Kleibecker

Michigan State Police
Captain Gary Gorski

Muskegon County Prosecutor
Prosecutor Tony Tague

Michigan State Police – Wayland
F/Lt. Dave Greydanus

Muskegon County Sheriff Department
Sheriff Dean Roesler

Board of Directors includes the administrative head or one appointed representative of each participating agency. “Participating Agencies” refer to law enforcement agencies providing personnel or paying the annual membership fees.

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Al Vanderberg
Ottawa County Administrator

VICE CHAIRPERSON 2009

Bryon Mazade
Muskegon City Manager

SECRETARY 2009

Jon Campbell
Allegan County Commissioner

TREASURER 2009

June Hagan
Ottawa County Fiscal Services Director

Jon Campbell
Allegan County Commissioner

Dean Kapenga
Allegan County Commissioner

Bonnie Hammersley
Muskegon County Administrator

Bryon Mazade
Muskegon City Manager

John Snider II
Muskegon County Commissioner

Al Vanderberg
Ottawa County Administrator

Roger Rycenga
Ottawa County Commissioner

Donald Komejan
Manager, Holland Charter Township

Steven Patrick
Coopersville City Manager

Soren Wolff
Holland City Manager

Captain Gary Gorski
Michigan State Police

Mark Meyers
Norton Shores City Manager

Robert Sarro
Allegan County Administrator

June Hagan
Ottawa County Fiscal Services Director

Policy Board Members are appointed by the Allegan, Muskegon, and Ottawa County Commissions.

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PARTICIPATING AGENCIES MANPOWER COMMITMENTS

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>OFFICERS ASSIGNED</u>
Michigan State Police	5
Holland Police Department.....	4
Muskegon Police Department.....	4
Ottawa County Sheriff Department	6
Allegan County Sheriff Department	2
Grand Haven Department of Public Safety.....	1
Muskegon County Sheriff Department	1
Norton Shores Police Department	1
Total Officers Assigned to WEMET	24

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CHAIN OF COMMAND AND STRUCTURE

**Michigan State Police
D/F/Lt. John Porter
Task Force Coordinator**

**D/Lt. Cameron Henke
Section Commander**

Muskegon Team	Ottawa Street	Ottawa Conspiracy	Holland Gang Task Force	Allegan Team	Admin. Staff
MSP D/Sgt. Team Leader Direct Assignment	Ottawa County SD D/Sgt. Team Leader Direct Assignment	MSP D. Sgt. Team Leader Grant Funded	Holland PD D/Sgt. Team Leader Direct Assignment	MSP D/Sgt. Direct Assignment	Civilian Property Room Manager
Muskegon PD D/Sgt. Direct Assignment	Ottawa County SD Dep/Invest Direct Assignment	Ottawa County SD Dep/Invest Direct Assignment	Holland PD Ofcr/Invest Grant Funded	Allegan County SD Dep/Invest Grant Funded	
Muskegon PD Ofcr/Invest Grant Funded	Ottawa County SD Dep/Invest Direct Assignment	Ottawa County SD Dep/Invest Direct Assignment	Holland PD Ofcr/Invest Grant Funded	Allegan County SD Dep/Invest Direct Assignment	
Muskegon PD Ofcr/Invest Direct Assignment	Grand Haven DPS Dep/Invest Direct Assignment		Ottawa Co. SD Dep/Invest Direct Assignment	MSP Wayland #56 Tpr/Invest Direct Assignment	
Muskegon PD Ofcr/Invest Direct Assignment	Holland PD Ofcr/Invest Grant Funded				
Muskegon Co. SD Dep/Invest Grant Funded					
Norton Shores PD Ofcr/Invest Grant Funded					

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ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND COMMAND

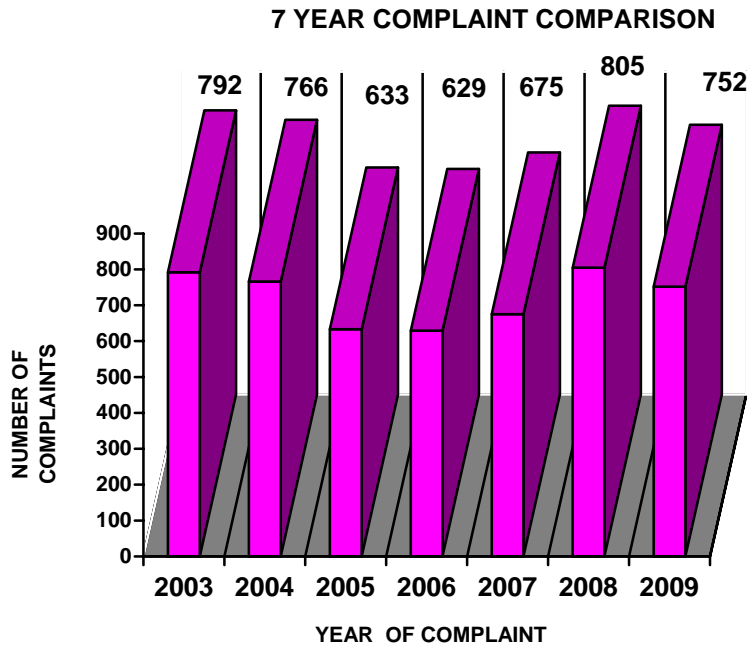
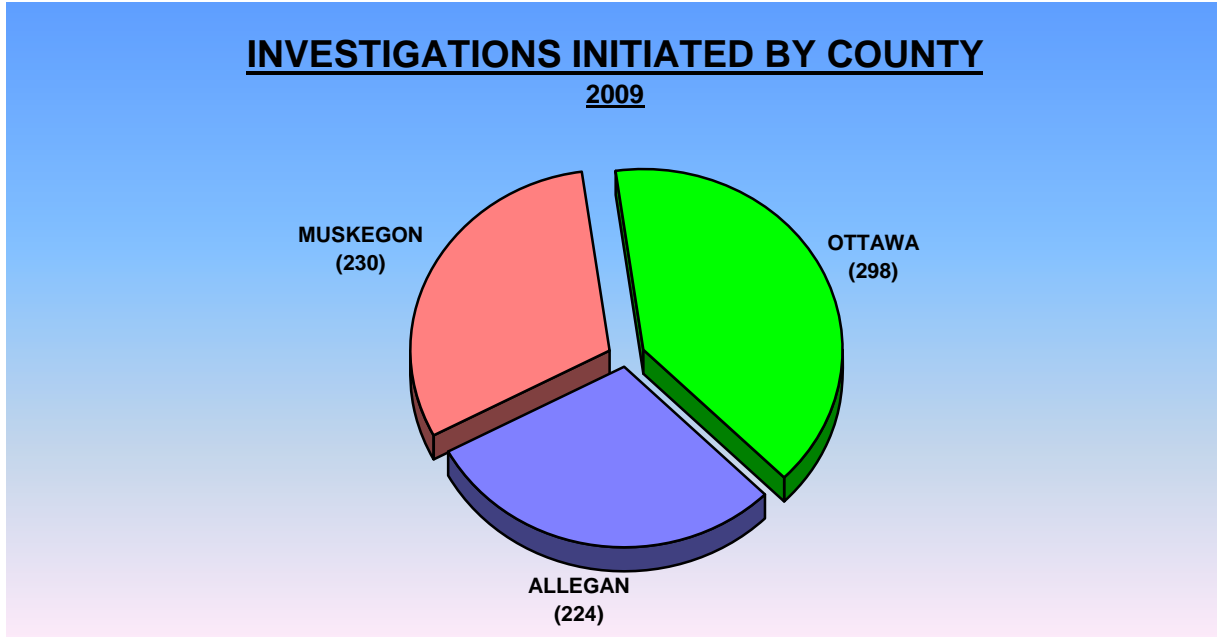
D/F/Lt. John Porter, Task Force Coordinator	Michigan State Police
D/Lt. Cameron Henke, Section Commander	Michigan State Police
D/Sgt. Mike Anderson, Team Leader	Michigan State Police
D/Sgt. Ana Amaya, Team Leader	Holland Police Department
D/Sgt. Andy Fias, Team Leader	Michigan State Police
D/Sgt. Chris Koster, Team Leader	Ottawa County Sheriff's Department
D/Sgt. Steve Waltz, Team Leader	Muskegon Police Department
D/Sgt. Mike Harris, Team Leader	Michigan State Police
William Evans, Property Room Manager	

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INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED BY COUNTY



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CASES INITIATED BY VENUE

ALLEGAN COUNTY----224

Allegan Twp -----	10
Allegan-----	14
Casco Twp. -----	3
Clyde Twp-----	1
Cheshire Twp.-----	12
Douglas-----	2
Dorr Twp. -----	3
Fennville-----	1
Fillmore Twp -----	1
Ganges-----	1
Gunplain -----	17
Heath -----	2
Holland -----	1
Hopkins-----	1
Laketon Twp. -----	1
Leighton-----	0
Lee Twp.-----	14
Martin -----	2
Manilus-----	0
Martin Twp. -----	16
Monterey Twp.-----	2
Otsego-----	15
Otsego Twp. -----	26
Overisel-----	0
Plainwell-----	6
Salem Twp. -----	1
Saugatuck-----	1
Saugatuck Twp.-----	0
Trowbridge -----	23
Valley Twp. -----	4
Watson Twp. -----	18
Wayland -----	1
Wayland Twp -----	4
Other Venue-----	21

MUSKEGON COUNTY ---- 230

Blue lake Twp. -----	5
Casnovia.-----	0
Casnovia Twp -----	0
Cedar Creek Twp -----	1
Dalton Twp. -----	6
Egelston Twp. -----	4
Fruitland Twp-----	2
Fruitport-----	2
Fruitport Twp.-----	4
Laketon Twp -----	1
Holton Twp-----	0
Montague-----	0
Montague Twp -----	0
Moorland Twp-----	6
Muskegon City -----	115
Muskegon Heights-----	51
Muskegon Twp. -----	9
North Muskegon-----	0
Norton Shores -----	16
Ravenna -----	1
Roosevelt Park-----	4
Sullivan Twp-----	0
White River Twp -----	0
Whitehall Twp-----	0
Whitehall-----	1
Other Venue-----	2

OTTAWA COUNTY -- 298

Allendale Twp.-----	15
Blendon Twp-----	2
Chester Twp -----	1
Coopersville -----	1
Crockery Twp. -----	1
Ferrysburg. -----	0
Georgetown Twp.-----	11
Grand Haven -----	8
Grand Haven Twp. -----	5
Holland-----	108
Holland Twp.-----	69
Hudsonville-----	4
Jamestown Twp-----	0
Olive-----	5
Park Twp. -----	14
Polkton Twp. -----	2
Port Sheldon Twp. -----	2
Robinson Twp. -----	0
Spring Lake -----	1
Spring Lake Twp -----	5
Tallmadge Twp. -----	7
Wright Twp-----	1
Zeeland -----	8
Zeeland Twp -----	5
Other Venue-----	23

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INVESTIGATIONS INITIATED BY SUBSTANCE

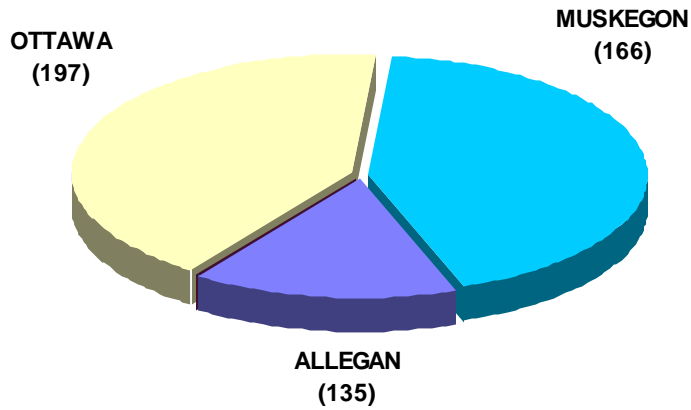
	MUSKEGON	OTTAWA	ALLEGAN
Marijuana	76	150	26
Cocaine	113	83	12
Ecstasy	4	2	0
LSD/Mushrooms	0	4	0
Methamphetamine	4	5	160
Heroin	4	10	1
Analogues	9	2	5
Other Investigations	20	42	20
Total	230	298	224



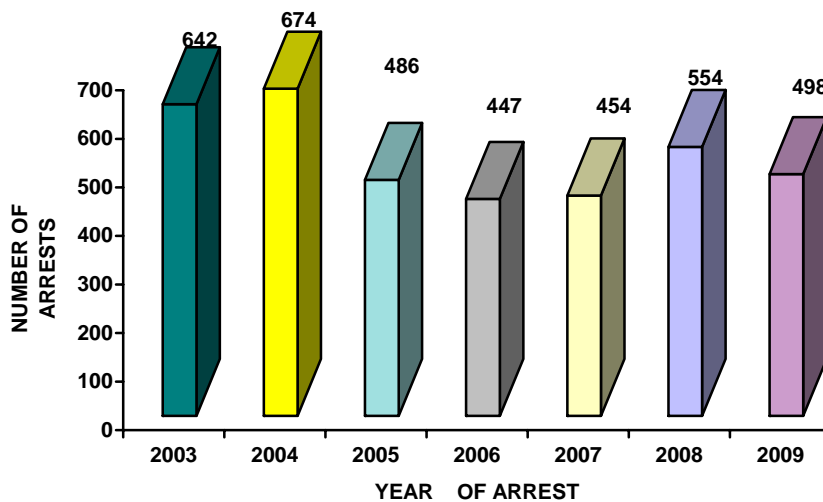
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ARRESTS BY COUNTY

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7 YEAR ARREST COMPARISON



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BREAKDOWN OF CHARGES IN 2009

<u>Offense</u>	<u>No. of Charges</u>
Marijuana.....	126
Cocaine.....	92
Heroin.....	6
Methamphetamine.....	102
LSD/Mushrooms.....	6
Analogues.....	31
Weapon Offenses (Other).....	9
Property Crimes.....	8
Crimes against Persons.....	11
Fugitive.....	90
Other.....	17
	Total..498

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CLASSIFICATION OF NARCOTIC TRAFFICKERS

2009

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF ARRESTS</u>
I	137
II	95
III	133

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PURCHASES AND SEIZURES IN 2009

MARIJUANA	1126 POUNDS
HEMP SEIZURES	2272 PLANTS
COCAINE	6467 GRAMS
CRACK COCAINE	795 GRAMS
LSD/MUSHROOMS	931 GRAMS
METHAMPHETAMINE	602 GRAMS
ECSTASY	976 UNITS
HEROIN	111 GRAMS
OTHER ANALOGUES	311,676 UNITS/GRAMS

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HISTORICAL **YEARLY COMPARISONS**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ARRESTS</u>	<u>INVESTIGATIONS</u>	<u>NARCOTICS EXPENSES</u>	<u>NARCOTICS SEIZURES</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
1993	197	356	28,437	48,922,333	491,065
1994	254	399	15,815	1,879,394	450,408
1995	239	307	13,503	7,451,947	193,460
1996	223	309	26,349	1,980,976	232,080
1997	195	286	45,270	1,183,935	253,926
1998	362	391	31,041	2,362,285	202,759
1999	348	414	37,340	3,863,753	247,384
2000	479	458	26,874	5,122,565	230,125
2001	569	598	37,517	5,631,096	310,812
2002	596	729	54,347	3,497,880	327,950
2003	642	792	44,303	3,399,078	383,244
2004	674	766	61,301	5,207,632	396,017
2005	486	626	32,856	1,730,792	473,014
2006	447	629	59,141	1,770,463	526,479
2007	454	675	35,380	7,003,002	412,336
2008	554	805	51,433	4,719,291	438,307
2009	498	752	70,778	3,631,366	409,379

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2009 EXPENDITURES

WEMET spent \$70,788 in purchasing of evidence to further criminal investigations.

Supervised payments of \$7,880 were paid directly to informants who were controlled by investigators. This money is for the investigative services of cooperating individuals, and for information received reference criminal activity.

Additional operational expenses incurred by WEMET totaled \$330,722. This includes office rental, utilities, personnel costs, vehicles, equipment and other operating expenses.

Total 2009 WEMET operational costs for five teams of detectives, \$409,390.

ANNUAL GOVERNMENTAL NARCOTIC FORFEITURE REPORT

Number of forfeiture proceedings-----	188
Real property forfeitures-----	1
Conveyances forfeitures-----	29
Cash forfeitures-----	152
Other personal property-----	97
Net total proceeds-----	\$296,166

OTHER ACTIVITY

Search Warrants Executed-----	175
Firearms Seized-----	93

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2009 SIGNIFICANT CASES

In 2009 there were many significant criminal investigations conducted by WEMET detectives. The following cases are examples of the outstanding results achieved by the team.

WMS-5-09

WEMET conducted surveillance after receiving a tip on a possible meth lab in a vehicle. Detectives saw the vehicle and had a marked unit conduct a traffic stop. The Deputy saw meth components in plain view upon contact with the driver. WEMET Detectives then approached and conducted a search. A large meth lab, meth waste, and meth components were found throughout the vehicle. The driver was arrested and charges are pending.

WMS-37-09

WEMET Detectives and marked units were working psuedoephedrine log enforcement when they noticed a subject exiting a retail store with two gallons of Coleman Fuel. The subject was then followed to another retail store where he purchased two other meth components. Contact was made by marked units after his car stalled out in the roadway leaving the store. WEMET Detectives assisted on the stop which led to a consent search at the subject's residence. The subject took Detectives to a house which appeared to be abandoned. After further questioning the subject took Detectives to his real residence. A consent search was conducted which resulted in a meth lab seizure. A second suspect was also identified. CPS was contacted and responded for three children located in the residence. Both suspects were lodged on meth lab and meth component charges.

WMS-43-09

WEMET Detectives from Allegan, Ottawa, and Muskegon conducted 4 search warrants after a year long investigation into a cocaine distribution organization in Allegan County. This organization was disrupted in 2007 with the head of the organization going to jail. The organization was taken over by two relatives and WEMET worked several cases working "up the ladder" culminating in undercover officer buys of cocaine in addition to numerous confidential informants. The search warrants resulted in the seizure of \$3,500 in US Currency, 7 ounces of cocaine, a short barreled shotgun, shotgun and handgun as well as several vehicles.

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WMS-45-09

WEMET Detectives assisted the Allegan County Sheriff's Department after they had been dispatched to Wal-Mart where a subject had purchased over \$200 of meth components. WEMET Detectives did a knock and talk but consent was denied. A search warrant was drafted after the home was secured. While at the residence a third party arrived inquiring about a vacant rental property that the suspect had for rent. Detectives walked over to that property and saw other meth components in plain view. A second search warrant was drafted and an additional meth lab seized. The subject was arrested at the scene.

WMN-9-09

WEMET North executed a search warrant at 1837 Continental St., in Muskegon, based on a controlled purchase of crack cocaine. Seized during the search warrant was a Smith and Wesson .357 revolver, 69 grams of crack cocaine, 120 grams of powder cocaine, and use quantities of marijuana. One subject was arrested for PWID Cocaine >50 grams and weapons charges.

WMN-54-09

WEMET Muskegon executed a search warrant at 7305 Progress Dr., in Blue Lake Township, as a result of a controlled purchase. Seized during the search warrant were 10.7 grams of crack cocaine, 9.4 grams of cocaine, and 93.7 grams of marijuana, 3 handguns, and \$2532 in U.S. Currency.

WMN-49-09

WEMET Muskegon executed a search warrant at 5504 Martin, in Norton Shores as a result of UC purchases. Seized during the search warrant was ½ pound of marijuana and 120.2 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, equipment to grow mushrooms and marijuana growing paraphernalia. \$1,109 and was seized for forfeiture.

WMN-74-09

WEMET Muskegon executed two search warrants in Muskegon, one at 852 W. Southern and one at 1741 Division. The search warrant resulted from controlled purchases in the houses. Seized during the search warrant was 7 pounds of marijuana, 30 grams of cocaine, 2 handguns were seized, one of which was stolen in Muskegon. A 22 caliber rifle and shot gun were also seized. \$1246 in U.S. Currency was seized for forfeiture.

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WMT-02-09

WEMET Detectives conducted a knock and talk investigation after receiving information that there was a possible marijuana grow at the address. A consent search resulted in the seizure of 4.5 pounds of marijuana and 109 marijuana plants being grown inside. The grower was charged with Manufacture/Delivery marijuana and PWID marijuana.

WMT-4-09

Team members, with the assistance of MET, conducted a four day surveillance of two Texas residents within Ottawa, Kent, and Allegan counties. The surveillance continued around the clock at a hotel in the city of Holland. Surveillance on the two suspects continued into Van Buren County where they met up with a tractor-trailer out of Texas. Surveillance followed the suspects with the tractor trailer to a blueberry farm warehouse in Allegan County. Contact with the subjects was then made. A seizure of over \$500,000 and the tractor-trailer was made at the warehouse. Further investigation showed that the subjects were responsible for bringing multiple kilos of cocaine and hundreds of pounds of marijuana into west Michigan on monthly bases. Investigation continues in Michigan and Texas.

WMT-37-09

On 2-2-09 WEMET executed a search warrant at 50 Douglas Ave in Holland Twp. This stemmed from previous UC buys of cocaine. The following was seized from the residence: 331 grams of cocaine, \$832 cash and a 1998 Dodge. Two subjects were arrested, both of whom are associated with, the TRG's (Tiny Rascal Gang).

WMT-63-09

WEMET detectives were contacted by Holland Police Dept in ref to a possible Marijuana grow in Stratford Way apartments. Based on an interview with a witness a search warrant was written for the apartment. Once inside WEMET detectives located a room of the apartment that had been converted into a grow room. 95 marijuana plants were seized as well as 1,117.6 grams of processed marijuana. The suspect was arrested for manufacturing marijuana and possession with intent to delivery marijuana. A minor child was removed from the home.

WMT-30-09

An undercover WEMET detective made two purchases of psilocybin mushrooms and one purchase of LSD from a suspect. A search warrant was obtained and upon gaining entry into the house WEMET detectives located an additional 41 grams of psilocybin packaged in twelve bags and three bags of marijuana weighing 15.4 grams. One thousand two hundred and forty-nine dollars in cash was seized in the search warrant.

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WMS-69-09

WEMET Detectives conducted a knock and talk investigation at a residence in Watson Twp. A 233 plant indoor marijuana grow was seized that occupied the upstairs of the house. An extensive meth lab was also seized from the basement of the residence. Both the red phosphorus and One pot method of manufacture were being utilized. 4 arrests were made in the case.

WMN-76-09

WEMET Muskegon received information that a known drug dealer would be returning to Muskegon with a significant quantity of drugs. Surveillance picked up the suspect west bound on I-96. A traffic stop was executed by MSP Trooper Bilacic for speed. The suspect consented to a search of the vehicle and 56.6 grams of heroin was located in his pants. A search warrant was executed at 2139 Sanford, in Muskegon Heights. An additional 6.1 grams of heroin was seized, use quantities of marijuana, and a .45 cal. handgun was seized. The suspect was charged with PWID Heroin>50gms and weapons charges. He is on parole for a similar charge.

WMN-129-09

WEMET detectives executed a search warrant at 2813 7th St., in Muskegon Heights, in assistance to Muskegon PD's homicide investigation. The search resulted in the seizure of 251 grams of marijuana, 23 grams of crack cocaine and \$4295 in U.S. Currency. A suspect was arrested for PWID crack cocaine and marijuana, as well as R&O and warrants.

WMT-132-09

On 5-28-09, a confidential source advised a known narcotics trafficker had approx three ounces of cocaine in his vehicle. WEMET located the vehicle at the suspect's residence and began surveillance. Shortly after, the vehicle left and a traffic stop was initiated. The suspect consented to a search of his vehicle and a Holland Police Department K-9 gave a positive indication for narcotics. Located in a compartment of the vehicle was 8.6 ounces of cocaine. The suspect was arrested and charged with PWID Cocaine.

WMT-139-09

Detectives made a controlled delivery of five pounds of Marijuana to a residence in the city of Holland. Detectives subsequently served a search warrant at the residence and identified the resident as a known narcotics dealer. Through our investigation we were able to identify a Holland Twp. man that was to pick up the marijuana. A meet was set and when the subject picked up the marijuana he and another man was arrested. A subsequent search of his residence led to the seizure of an ounce of Cocaine, scales, packaging, and \$2,000.

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WMT-141-09

Detectives interdicted six FedEx packages containing 67 pounds of marijuana. The packages were going to four separate addresses in the city of Holland. The marijuana would have a local value of approximately \$60,000.

WMT-93-09

WEMET detectives conducted a knock and talk at a residence in Grand Haven Twp. Detectives were granted consent to search the residence and located a marijuana grow. Detectives seized 21 marijuana plants and 20 grams of dried marijuana. The suspect gave a full confession.

WMS-142-09

WEMET detectives conducted a knock and talk investigation based on a tip and also activity on the pseudoephedrine logs. Consent to search the house was denied by the suspects father but he granted consent to search a trash container next to the house. Waste from a meth lab was located in the trash container which coupled with other information led to a search warrant inside the home. Additional items related to meth manufacturing were found in the suspects locked bedroom. While at the residence a friend of the suspects pulled in the driveway next to detectives conducting an interview. In plain view inside the vehicle was a ½ pound of marijuana and an ounce of methamphetamine. Both suspects were arrested.

WMS-147-09

WEMET detectives made a controlled delivery of a Fed Ex package containing 22 pounds of marijuana. The package was signed for and a search warrant executed. The suspect admitted to being paid \$300 to sign for the package. A second knock and talk was conducted based on information resulting in the seizure of 27 guns and a small amount of marijuana.

WMS-167-09

WEMET Allegan and Ottawa Team detectives participated in domestic cannabis eradication/suppression (Hemp) for two separate days in the quarter resulting in the seizure of 949 marijuana plants and 5 arrests.

WMS-190-09

WEMET detectives assisted the Otsego Police Department with a Meth lab fire in a garage. The suspect was manufacturing Meth in the “one pot” method when it appears the container failed causing a flash fire and also igniting solvent fumes in the garage causing an explosion. The fire was put out by the home owners and the suspect was

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dropped at the Plainwell Hospital. The suspect was in critical condition at Borgess Hospital with 3rd degree burns to 80% of his body.

WMS-195-09

WEMET detectives assisted the Allegan County Sheriff's Department at a domestic disturbance. Meth Components were discovered and a suspect arrested. An interview at the jail led to the seizure of another meth lab and 1500 psuedoephedrine tablets.

WMS-198-09

WEMET detectives developed information from WMS-195-09 leading to a knock and talk. Detectives seized an additional 13,000 psudeoephedrine pills in addition to approximately 300,000 tablets of various prescription and non- prescription medication manufactured at the Perrigo Company. The tablets were stolen by an employee over a period of years. WEMET worked with Perrigo Security and obtained a full confession from the suspect. The suspect admitted to the limited distribution of tablets to "people who can't afford medication" but denied distributing pseudoephedrine for the manufacture of methamphetamine.

WMN-110-09

WEMET - Muskegon conducted a buy bust in an ongoing investigation. WEMET detectives were able to make a purchase of a 1/2 kilo of cocaine. Search warrants were conducted at two residences and two knock and talks were conducted. In total, 550 grams of cocaine was seized, 52 grams of marijuana was seized and \$12,000 of WEMET buy money was recovered. Three suspects were arrested and indicted in the Western District of Michigan.

WMN-141-09

WEMET-Muskegon received information and conducted surveillance on a known drug dealer. A traffic stop was conducted and the suspect was found in possession of illegal drugs. The suspect attempted to flee the scene on foot and was apprehended by a MSP 64 trooper. 39.2 grams of crack cocaine, 2.2 grams of cocaine, 1.6 grams of marijuana, 62 methadone pills, and 3 Vicodin pills were seized. \$2408, a vehicle, and cell phone were forfeited. The suspect was charged with PWID cocaine, possession of marijuana and analouges, and R&O.

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WMT-172-09

On 7-23-09 WEMET detectives were contacted by the pharmacies at Target and Meijer in Holland Twp. They advised that a couple of names that were on a WEMET created watch list had just purchased pseudoephedrine at both locations. A knock and talk was conducted a short time later in the city of Zeeland. Detectives were able to obtain permission to search the apartment and an admission that meth was being cooked in the residence. Appropriate clean up was conducted and four persons were arrested. The apartment had been used on at least two other occasions for cooking over the previous month

WMT-180-09

On 7-29-09, WEMET detectives were requested to assist the Ottawa County Sheriff Department Detective Bureau with the investigation of a drive by shooting that had occurred in Holland Twp. WEMET detectives utilized a confidential informant to obtain information on the case. The informant was able to speak with a person thought to be involved in the shooting. The informant stated the person involved did make incriminating statements in reference to the shooting and admitted carrying a handgun on him at the current time do to the "stuff going on". The informant made immediate contact with WEMET and advised of the information. Surveillance of the suspect was begun within minutes and the suspect was eventually arrested.

WMT-208-09

On 9-4-09, WEMET detective received information that Marijuana was being mailed to the Holland area from a known suspect in Texas. The United States Postal Service and United Parcel Service was asked to flag two addresses in the city of Holland. On 9-9-09 we were contacted by USPS that two packages were identified going to one of the flagged addresses and another two were identified going to an address in Holland Twp. Controlled reverse deliveries of the packages were made to both addresses and search warrants subsequently served on both. A 9mm handgun was also recovered with the Marijuana at one of the residences. One subject arrested, seventeen pounds and one Marijuana plant was also seized. This case is related to the sixty seven pounds of marijuana seized in June of this year WMT-141-09.

WMN-200-09

WEMET received tip information regarding a possible grow operation in Fruitport. A search warrant was executed and 105 marijuana plants were seized along with 3/4 pound of dried marijuana and a handgun. Two subjects were charged with manufacturing marijuana.

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WMN-205-09

WEMET received a tip from a CI which resulted in a traffic stop in Muskegon Twp. A quantity of heroin was seized during the stop. A search warrant was executed at 962 W. Southern in Muskegon. 33 grams of crack cocaine, 12.1 grams of cocaine, 1/4 lb. of marijuana, 5 marijuana plants, 7.3 grams of heroin, 48 hydrocodone, and 198 other analogues were seized. \$4094 in cash was seized and forfeited. Suspect was charged with PWID for all the items seized.

WMN-210-09

WEMET received tips regarding a subject's involvement in selling crack cocaine. Surveillance observed the suspect leave his home. A traffic stop was conducted for speeding. As the suspect exited his car, he threw several rocks of crack cocaine across the road. A search warrant was conducted at 3114 Sanford, in Musk. Heights, where 77.6 grams of crack cocaine, 189 grams of cocaine, 2.1 grams of marijuana, \$895 in cash, a van, and cell phone were seized. Suspect was charged with PWID cocaine >50 gms, PWID cocaine <50 grms and possession of marijuana.

WMT-264-09

On 11-12-09, WEMET executed a search warrant at the residence of a suspect as a result of two controlled buys of marijuana. Seized from the residence was 20.12 lbs of marijuana, .5 grams of cocaine and two .38 Revolvers. Photos and drawings were also seized showing the suspect to be a member of the Vato Locos gang.

WMT-283-09

On 12-7-09 WEMET executed a search warrant at 17236 North Dr in Park Twp. Detectives had two controlled purchases of an ounce of cocaine each into the target. Total seized from suspect's person, vehicle and residence was 1,442 grams of cocaine, 1,190 grams of marijuana, 437 Ecstasy pills, \$38,186 dollars, a 9mm handgun and a 1997 BMW.

WMT-297-09

On 12-29-09, WEMET executed a search warrant on the residence of a known TRG member. Several controlled buys of cocaine had been done into the residence during the month which led to the search warrant. Located at the residence was 43.5 grams of cocaine, 260 grams of marijuana and 20 grams of mushrooms. The suspect had an additional \$20,825 cash in a duffle bag in his vehicle. WEMET seized a total of \$21,709 cash as well as the suspect's vehicle.

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WMT-271-09

Ottawa County Sheriff Department responded to a gang-related shooting/stabbing at 523 Butternut Dr. WEMET detectives were advised of two suspects that had taken off on foot from the scene. The two suspects were both known to be members of the SUR-13 gang. WEMET detectives responded to the area and set up surveillance on a girlfriend's residence. A short time later, WEMET Detectives observed an unknown female drive up to the girlfriends apartment bldg, rolling in slow. They also noticed an unknown male hiding near some bushes. Once the vehicle was in the lot, the unknown male got into the vehicle and it left the area. Detectives surveilled the vehicle to Lakeshore Elementary school where the male passenger got out and went into the school. Detectives made contact with the female driver and she confirmed that her passenger was one of the suspects involved in the shooting. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

WMT-242-09

On 10/23/09, WEMET detectives began an investigation on a kilo level cocaine dealer who was responsible for large amounts of cocaine being brought into Ottawa County. A WEMET informant was able to make cocaine purchases from the dealer. The suspect was a prior deported felon (Mexican National) with a narcotics history. ICE agents were brought in on the investigation and the WEMET informant was able to introduce an ICE U/C. On 12/8/09, detectives traveled to Chicago to complete the investigation. With the assistance of the Chicago ICE narcotics unit, detectives seized two kilos of cocaine, and arrested four Mexican nationals (including the original suspect from west Michigan).

WMS-207-09

WEMET detectives assisted MSP Saugatuck, Holland Police Department and Allegan County Sheriff's Department with surveillance of a suspect of numerous car larcenies over recent months. The suspect who was on parole was surveilled over a two day period and was witnessed committing several retail frauds at Holland area Meijer Stores. On the second day, the suspect was contacted and a consent search and parole search was conducted at his residence. Marijuana and Rx medication was seized as well as evidence of retail frauds. The suspect, as well as two additional suspects, were interviewed and admissions and confessions obtained. The suspect was lodged on a parole violation and additional charges are being sought by Holland PD and MSP Saugatuck.

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WMS-212-09

WEMET and Allegan County Sheriff Department Detectives investigated a trailer fire. 911 calls indicated the fire may be related to a meth lab. Two suspects suffered significant burns with one transported in critical condition. WEMET detectives found evidence of a methamphetamine lab in the fire debris and conducted interviews and investigation confirming that the incident was the result of a "One Pot" methamphetamine cook. An infant lived at the residence but was not home at the time of the fire. Child Protective Services was contacted and is also investigating.

WMS-215-09

WEMET detectives conducted a knock and talk investigation based on pseudoephedrine log enforcement. A chemical odor was present on initial contact at the door and an active "one pot" meth reaction was found inside the residence in addition to waste from multiple cooks. A confession was obtained and 4 firearms seized.

WMS-217-09

WEMET and SWET received information about a possible Meth activity. WEMET had seized one meth lab from the house in question in July. This information was relayed to Tpr. Sholander who was familiar with the suspect and currently in the area. Tpr. Sholander saw a van in the driveway which had been reported stolen. Contact was attempted at which time several subjects fled from a barn on the property and dumped a meth reaction. WEMET assisted at the scene and seized a meth lab in addition to meth components and a shotgun in the van.

WMS-222-09

WEMET was called to a methamphetamine dump site in a ditch. Numerous receipts and a Plainwell PD business card with a complaint number was discovered in the trash bags along with the methamphetamine waste. Video was obtained based on the receipts for meth components purchases that led to a female suspect at a residence close to the dump site. A confession was obtained and led to a 2nd suspect involved in the actual meth cooks.