



# St. Johns County Sheriff's Office

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## A MAN AND TWO WOMEN ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES FOLLOWING THE SERVING OF A SEARCH

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One St. Johns County man and two women were arrested on drug charges following the execution of a search warrant at a residence in the 800 block of W. 15<sup>th</sup> St. today. Those arrested were identified as **Jarriett Kassine Kears**, 41, and **Joy Shanae Kears**, 31, both of 841 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St.; and **Whitney Renell Holt**, 25, Columbia, Tn. Jarriett Kears was arrested on charges of maintaining a drug dwelling, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of marijuana. Joy Kears was charged with possession of a prescription drug without a prescription. Holt was charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. All three were booked into the County Jail.

Detectives with the Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit received several neighborhood complaints regarding the alleged street level drug sales from that residence. An undercover investigation by SIU detectives resulted in obtaining a search warrant for that residence. Today, shortly after 8:00 a.m. members of the Sheriff's Office S.W.A.T. team along with SIU detectives executed that search warrant. From that search detectives discovered paraphernalia allegedly used to manufacture and distribute crack cocaine, marijuana, and a loaded gun.

Detectives are continuing the investigation.

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