

**Ansonians Among 5 Busted for Meth Lab in Union County**

The Union County Sheriff's Office arrested five people Tuesday in connection with a meth lab found at 7904 Old Goldmine Road in the eastern part of the county. The people arrested were Michael Stephen Knotts, 30, Brandon Ray Darty, 29, Stanley Eugene Parker, Jr., 27, Mallorie Elise McGowan, 23, and Amanda Rene Cross, 29. Anson County Sheriff Tommy Allen said that at least three of the five arrested are from Anson County.

The meth lab is still under investigation but was discovered after detectives went to the residence to follow up on information they had received, Capt. Cody Luke of the Union County Sheriff's Office said.

"When detectives arrived, they saw obvious signs of methamphetamine production," Luke said. The detectives later obtained search warrants and the five individuals were arrested. There was not an active cook going on when detectives arrived at the scene but some of the individuals arrested were found to be in possession of the drug, he said. Officers arrested Cross, Knotts and Parker inside the home. Two more people, Darty and McGowan, were arrested when they drove up during the bust with meth-making ingredients, deputies said.

Knotts was charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, while Darty was charged with possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Parker was charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, McGowan was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and simple possession of marijuana. Cross was charged with manufacturing methamphetamine. Each of the five was taken to the Union County Jail and placed under a \$10,000 bond. As of Thursday afternoon only McGowan had been released, Luke said.

According to the Union County Sheriff's Office website, Darty also faces probation violation out of county, reckless driving to endanger and driving while license revoked charges. As of Thursday afternoon, his bond was listed as \$16,000. *Courtesy of the Enquirer Journal*



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Anson County is holding an online auction for surplus used equipment. The auction began Monday and will run for 10 days. The equipment is being sold at [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com).

"Anson County began the GovDeals online auction website in 2011 as a trial and quickly determined the program was an effective way of monetizing surplus vehicles and equipment. Since then the County has sold \$223,522.52 worth of surplus vehicles, generators and other equipment to buyers as far away as Florida, Iowa and California using this internet auction service," said Bonnie Huntley, Clerk of the Board for Anson County. "It's easy, and anyone with access to the internet can bid on these items."

Here is a partial list of items to be auctioned off: Welcome to Anson County signs (3 for sale-minimum bid of \$100 each); 1994 Ford Explorer 4WD; 2006 Chevrolet Impala; 2007 Ford Crown Vic; 2008 Ford Crown Vic; 2007 Ford Conversion Van; 2007 Ford Lift Equipped Van; 2006 Ford Conversion Van; 1995 Ford Aerostar Van; and 2004 Ford Van

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