



Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit

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Lancaster – On February 23, 2010 Fairfield County Common Pleas Court Probation Officers, along with the Lancaster Police Department were conducting a home visit at the residence of Larry E. Karns and Misty D. Castle 136 N. Ewing St. Lancaster Ohio. When they encountered what they believed to be a Methamphetamine Lab.

According to Commander Eric Brown of the Major Crimes Unit the Karns residence, which was also being occupied by the elderly parents of Larry Karns, was being visited by Common Pleas Court Probation due to Misty Castle being on probation from a previous felony charge of "Possession of Methamphetamine".

The home was secured by the Lancaster Police Department at which time the Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit was contacted to respond with their "Methamphetamine Response Team". Detectives with the Major Crimes Unit were able to determine that what Officers had come upon was an "Inactive Clandestine Lab". While executing the Search Warrant the drug laboratory was found to be in the basement living area.

Along with the chemical precursors that were found in the home, the final product of Methamphetamine in the amount of approximately ten grams was also seized. According to Commander Eric Brown street value of the "Meth" that was obtained ranged in the area of one thousand dollars.

Charged were: Larry E. Karns age 46, of Lancaster, Ohio. Charged with Illegal Manufacture Of Drugs Felony-2, Illegal Assembly or Possession Of Chemicals Felony-3, Aggravated Possession Of Drug Felony-3. Misty D. Castle age 36, of Lancaster, Ohio. Charged with Illegal Manufacture of Drugs Felony-2, Illegal Assembly or Possession of Chemicals Felony-3

As of press time both individuals remain at large. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of both suspects is asked to contact the Lancaster Police Department at 740-687-6680 or the Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit at 740-653-5224.