

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DRUG TASK FORCE

100 West Rock
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

A G E N D A

For the meeting to be held February 17, 2021 1:30 P.M. Meeting is being held through Zoom.

1. Roll Call of Control Group members.
2. Approval of minutes from the January 13, 2021 meeting.
3. Financial Report, Financial Director Willie Newman.
4. Report of Task Force, Sergeant Tyler Moore.
5. Other Business.
6. Public Comment. *
7. Set place, date, and time for next meeting.
Location: Until further notice, meeting will be held through Zoom due to Covid-19 and the recommendation to social distance. Please check Fayetteville City Calendar for any changes or updates.

Time: 1:30 p.m. Date: **March**
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**** Public comment at a Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force Control Board meeting shall be allowed for all members of the audience who have signed up prior to the beginning of the agenda item they wish to address. Speakers shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes. The Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force Control Board may allow a speaker additional time or may allow an unsigned-up person to speak by unanimous consent or majority vote.***

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DRUG TASK FORCE
100-A West Rock Street
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72702

CONTROL GROUP

CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Mike Reynolds, Chief of Police
Fayetteville Police Department
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VICE-CHAIRMAN:

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MEETING
January 13, 2021
MINUTES

A meeting of the Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force Control Board was held on January 13, 2021. This meeting was held using Zoom due to COVID-19 and recommendations for social distancing.

Those present were:

Mike Reynolds, Chief- Fayetteville Police Department
Rob Stewart, Lieutenant -Springdale Police Department
Jay Cantrell, Chief Deputy- Washington County Sheriff's Office
Chris Workman, Chief- Prairie Grove Police Department
Tyler Moore, Sergeant- 4th Judicial Drug Task Force
Willie Newman, Financial Director-4th Judicial Drug Task Force

Kirk Lane, Director, Arkansas State Drug Director Office
William Brown, Captain- Fayetteville Police Department
Tim Franklin, Lieutenant- Fayetteville Police Department
Rob Thorson, Sergeant-Springdale Police Department

Guest:

Members of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Reynolds. Upon roll call, the above listed members were acknowledged present. Copies of the minutes from the November 18, 2020 meeting were distributed to all present. A motion was made by Chris Workman, and seconded by Jay Cantrell, to approve the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

A copy of the financial report for the Grant FY 2020-2021 was distributed to all present for review, period ending November 30, 2020. Financial Director Willie Newman stated the total expense to date was \$164,314.00 which included Federal-J21-004-18 \$85,127.00, Local-J21-004-18 \$ 18,215.00, and Non-Allowed-\$60,972.00.

A copy of the financial report for the Grant FY 2020-2021 was distributed to all present for review, period ending December 31, 2020. Financial Director Willie Newman stated the total expense to date was \$218,482.00 which included Federal-J21-004-18 91,319.00, Local-J21-004-18 \$18,264.00, and Non-Allowed-

\$108,899.00.

Sergeant Tyler Moore reported on the task force's activity November 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020 and distributed a copy of statistics to all present. Moore stated that in November the task force opened 12 cases, closed 12 cases, and made 7 arrests. Moore further noted that \$3,420.00 was expended for the purchase of evidence, \$0.00 for the purchase of service, and \$860.00 for the purchase of information. Moore stated that drugs seized during the month included: Methamphetamine, Cocaine, LSD, Marijuana, Psilocybin Mushrooms, MDMA, and pharmaceuticals. Moore stated that 8 warrants were served. Also noted, 1 drug conviction for the month of November. The task force seized 0 vehicles and a total of \$2,756.00 in U.S. Currency during the month. The locations of DTF Enforcement Action for the month were: Fayetteville 5 cases, Springdale 4 cases, Farmington 2 cases, and Johnson 1 case.

Sergeant Tyler Moore reported on the task force's activity December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 and distributed a copy of statistics to all present. Moore stated that in December the task force opened 23 cases, closed 37 cases, and made 21 arrests. Moore further noted that \$2,610.00 was expended for the purchase of evidence, \$0.00 for the purchase of service, and \$690.00 for the purchase of information. Moore stated that drugs seized during the month included: Methamphetamine, Cocaine, Marijuana, and pharmaceuticals. Moore stated that 7 warrants were served. Also noted, 2 drug convictions for the month of December. The task force seized 0 vehicles and a total of \$11,930.00 in U.S. Currency during the month. The locations of DTF Enforcement Action for the month were: Fayetteville 8 cases, Springdale 13 cases, Prairie Grove 1 case, and Elkins 1 case.

Sergeant Tyler Moore reported on the following dispositions:

DTF 18-373 (State of Arkansas v Giancarlos Diaz) was a DTF investigation in the City of Fayetteville resulting in the seizure of \$12,573.00 on October 11th, 2018. \$2,573.00 went to Diaz' attorney, \$2,000.00 went to the Arkansas State Drug Director's Office, and \$3,000.00 went to the Washington County Prosecutor's Office. It is recommended that 15% of the net total of \$5,000.00 go to the Drug Task Force and the remaining balance be split based on current staffing.

A motion was made by Jay Cantrell, seconded by Chris Workman, to approve this recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Notes:

Detectives conducted multiple controlled buy operations on Diaz and developed probable cause for a search warrant at his residence. Detective's executed the search warrant and located multiple pounds of marijuana, pills, a pistol, and the currency.

DTF 20-024 (State of Arkansas v Randy Vaughan) was a Springdale Patrol arrest in the City of Springdale resulting in the seizure of \$5,599.00 on January 18th,

2020. \$1,119.80 went to the Arkansas State Drug Director's Office and \$1,679.70 went to the Washington County Prosecutor's Office. It was recommended that 15% of the net total of \$2,799.50 go to the Drug Task Force and the remaining balance go to the Springdale Police Department.

A motion was made by Chris Workman, seconded by Jay Cantrell, to approve this recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Notes:

On 1/18/20, Springdale patrol arrested Randy Vaughan after a traffic accident and recovered approximately 18g of methamphetamine in his possession. DTF responded to assist and discovered numerous text messages on Vaughan's phone indicating he was selling methamphetamine. Vaughan was also in possession of \$5,599.00, which was seized.

DTF 20-105 (State of Arkansas v Lillian Chu) was a Springdale CID investigation in the City of Springdale resulting in the seizure of \$786.00 on April 30th, 2020. \$157.20 went to the Arkansas State Drug Director's Office and \$235.80 went to the Washington County Prosecutor's Office. It was recommended that 15% of the net total of \$393.00 go to the Drug Task Force and the remaining balance go to the Springdale Police Department.

A motion was made by Chris Workman, seconded by Jay Cantrell, to approve this recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Notes:

On 4/30/20, Springdale CID executed a search warrant at 1788 Amethyst in Springdale. During the search, detectives located 2 firearms, cocaine, pills, marijuana, and \$786.00 cash. DTF detectives responded and processed the drug evidence, conducted an interview of Chu, and completed the confiscation paperwork.

DTF 20-106 (State of Arkansas v Christopher Chacon) was a Springdale CID investigation in the City of Springdale resulting in the seizure of \$1,031.00 on April 30th, 2020. \$206.20 went to the Arkansas State Drug Director's Office and \$309.30 went to the Washington County Prosecutor's Office. It was recommended that 15% of the net total of \$515.50 go to the Drug Task Force and the remaining balance go to the Springdale Police Department.

A motion was made by Jay Cantrell, seconded by Chris Workman, to approve this recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Notes:

On 4/30/20, Springdale CID executed a search warrant at 1788 Amethyst in Springdale. During the search, detectives located 2 firearms, cocaine, pills, marijuana, and \$1,031.00 cash. DTF detectives responded and processed the drug evidence, conducted an interview of Chacon, and completed the confiscation paperwork.

DTF 20-111 (State of Arkansas v Barry Adams) was a Fayetteville Police Department arrest resulting in the seizure of \$816.00 on May 10th, 2020. \$163.20 went to the Arkansas State Drug Director's Office and \$244.80 went to the Washington County Prosecutor's Office. It was recommended that 15% of the net total of \$408.00 go to the Drug Task Force and the remaining balance go to the Fayetteville Police Department.

A motion was made by Chris Workman, seconded by Jay Cantrell, to approve this recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Notes:

On 5/10/20, FPD Officer Harlan Arrested Barry Adams in possession of methamphetamine, Xanax, and the currency. The on call DTF detective responded and seized the evidence, currency, and completed the confiscation paperwork.

DTF 20-119 (State of Arkansas v Megan Smith) was a DTF investigation in the City of Springdale resulting in the seizure of \$3,826.00 on May 26th, 2020. \$765.20 went to the Arkansas State Drug Director's Office and \$1,147.80 went to the Washington County Prosecutor's Office. It was recommended that 15% of the net total of \$1,913.00 go to the Drug Task Force and the remaining balance be split based on current staffing (Springdale 50%, Fayetteville 25%, WCSO 12.5%, Rural 12.5%).

A motion was made by Jay Cantrell, seconded by Chris Workman, to approve this recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Notes:

On 5/26/20, detectives were conducting surveillance and observed suspicious activity. Detectives requested an Officer from SPD to stop the vehicle. SPD also deployed a K9 to assist. After a positive alert, 5g methamphetamine, a meth pipe, and digital evidence of drug sales was located in Smith's possession along with the currency.

DTF 20-132 (State of Arkansas v Miles Neil) was a DTF investigation in the City of Springdale resulting in the seizure of \$859.00 on November 26th, 2019. \$171.80 went to the Arkansas State Drug Director's Office and \$257.70 went to the Washington County Prosecutor's Office. It was recommended that 15% of the net total of \$429.50 go to the Drug Task Force and the remaining balance be split based on current staffing (Springdale 50%, Fayetteville 25%, WCSO 12.5%, Rural 12.5%).

A motion was made by Chris Workman, seconded by Jay Cantrell, to approve this recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Notes:

While investigating a local Drug Trafficking Organization, detectives identified Mile Neil as one of its members. Detectives conducted surveillance on Neil's residence and SPD performed a traffic stop. Detectives located approximately 37g

of methamphetamine and the currency during the traffic stop. Detectives immediately followed up with a search warrant at Neil's residence and located a sawed-off shotgun and additional methamphetamine.

DTF 20-142 (State of Arkansas v Joshua Jones) was a DTF investigation in the City of Fayetteville resulting in the seizure of \$1,402.00 on June 23rd, 2020. \$280.40 went to the Arkansas State Drug Director's Office and \$420.60 went to the Washington County Prosecutor's Office. It was recommended that 15% of the net total of \$701.00 go to the Drug Task Force, and the remaining balance be split based on current staffing ((Springdale 50%, Fayetteville 25%, WCSO 12.5%, Rural 12.5%).

A motion was made by Jay Cantrell, seconded by Chris Workman, to approve this recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Notes:

DTF developed Joshua Jones, and Oklahoma resident, as a heroin trafficker. Detectives were able to determine his destination as he travelled from Oklahoma to Fayetteville. Once Jones arrived detectives made contact and conducted a search. Detectives located approximately 60g of heroin and the currency in Jones possession.

DTF 20-165 (State of Arkansas v Dervin Foster) was a DTF investigation in the City of Fayetteville resulting in the seizure of \$11,403.00 on July 17th, 2020. \$2,280.60 went to the Arkansas State Drug Director's Office and \$3,420.90 went to the Washington County Prosecutor's Office. It was recommended that 15% of the net total of \$5,701.50 go to the Drug Task Force and the remaining balance be split based on current staffing (Springdale 50%, Fayetteville 25%, WCSO 12.5%, Rural 12.5%).

A motion was made by Chris Workman, seconded by Jay Cantrell, to approve this recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Notes:

On 7/17/20, detectives with the DTF developed information about an out of state trafficker in our area. Detectives conducted surveillance inside the hotel and observed Foster leaving. FPD conducted a traffic stop and deployed a K9. After a positive alert, detectives located approximately 4.5 pounds of methamphetamine, a pistol, and \$6,143.00 in Foster's possession. Detectives followed up with a search warrant at Foster's hotel room and located an additional 1.7 pounds of methamphetamine and \$4,980.00.

DTF 20-206 (State of Arkansas v Randy Rister) was a Fayetteville Police Department arrest resulting in the seizure of \$4,330.00 on August 30th, 2020. \$866.00 went to the Arkansas State Drug Director's Office and \$1,299.00 went to the Washington County Prosecutor's Office. It was recommended that 15% of the net total of \$2,165.00 go to the Drug Task Force and the remaining balance go to the Fayetteville Police Department.

A motion was made by Jay Cantrell, seconded by Chris Workman, to approve this recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Notes:

On 8/30/20 FPD officers arrested Rister in possession of 3 baggies of methamphetamine and \$4,330.00 currency. The drug and money were concealed together in a pouch. DTF on call detective responded and took possession of the evidence and currency and filled out and filed the confiscation paperwork.

Other Business

No other business was brought before the Control Board.

Public Comments

Sara Moore: Would like further conversation on not only the enforcement side, but how we potentially can shift and look at the restorative when reporting on these individual cases. Notice a case where some of the money was returned back to the attorney of the defendant. Would like to know how many of these cases ended up with a private attorney and how many had a public defender. How many of those, confiscated money cases, are not made available for the folks to be able to hire a private attorney and take the burden off the Public Defender's Office and their heavy load.

When a search warrant is done and involves multiple people, how does the task force designate who bears the responsibility of what is found?

Scott Mashburn: Do other jurisdictions post the task force meeting on their calendar of events?

Would like the task force meetings to put on the city calendar two to three weeks in advance.

As a concerned citizen, sounds like a lot of the actual arrest happen in hotels, private homes, or vehicle stops. Is there anything to educate the public about how you keep the public safe during these buys?

Beth Coger: What percentage of your budget is based off forfeitures?

On the Foster case, the forfeiture was entered October 20th, that was over three months ago, and his criminal case is still pending. Is there a reason that you carried it over from one year to another?

Kirk Lane: Wanted to thank the task force guys for all the efforts in listing the amounts and the details of those seizures and the arrest of those criminal activities. A lot of them having firearms and not to have a dangerous incident is a plus, showing that your matrix is working perfectly.

I know you guys use good judgement and a demonstration of that is the details of

what you guys put out. A lot of the times the location of those activities is not dictated by the drug task force or dictated by the drug dealer themselves, so working around that and trying to keep people safe is great. So please keep doing the great job that you are doing.

Chief Mike Reynolds requested a date and time for the next meeting. The next meeting will be February 17, 2021 at 1:30 P.M. This meeting will take place remotely through Zoom due to Covid-19 and the recommendation for social distancing. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded.

Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force
DTF FY2020-2021

For Period Ending January 31, 2021

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Federal Pending</u>	<u>Federal J21-004-18</u>	<u>State Pending</u>	<u>Local Pending</u>	<u>Local J21-004-18</u>	<u>Non-Allowed</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Personnel - Fayetteville									
Secretary	-	-	-	-	11,422	14,775	26,197	42,453	16,256
Supervisor	-	26,783	-	-	-	13,571	40,354	65,575	25,221
Officers	-	23,517	-	-	-	12,693	36,210	58,840	22,630
Mandated Benefits	-	-	-	-	-	6,242	6,242	9,813	3,570
Employer Benefits	-	6,808	-	-	-	31,112	37,920	59,133	21,213
Total Personnel Fayetteville	-	57,107	-	-	11,422	78,394	146,923	235,814	88,891
Maintenance & Operations									
Fayetteville	-	-	-	-	-	17,671	17,671	47,345	29,674
Springdale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington County	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Maintenance & Operations	-	-	-	-	-	59	59	-	(59)
	-	-	-	-	-	17,730	17,730	47,345	29,615
Contract Services									
Springdale	-	11,992	-	-	2,398	17,108	31,498	77,222	45,724
Washington County	-	11,766	-	-	2,353	11,639	25,758	75,766	50,008
Rural	-	10,453	-	-	2,091	20,083	32,627	67,314	34,687
Total Contract Services	-	34,212	-	-	6,842	48,829	89,883	220,302	130,418
Travel and Training									
Total Travel and Training	-	-	-	-	-	671	671	2,450	1,779
	-	-	-	-	-	671	671	2,450	1,779
Total All	-	91,319	-	-	18,264	145,624	255,207	505,911	250,704

**FOURTH JUDICIAL DRUG TASK FORCE
MONTHLY REPORT
GRANT 2020-2021
January 1, 2021 - January 31, 2021**

I.	Cases Opened								33 : 169
								<u>Enforcement Action</u>	
	Fayetteville							14	
	Springdale							6	
	Elkins							1	
	Prairie Grove							4	
	Washington							3	
	Farmington							2	
	Johnson							1	
	Tontitown							2	
II.	Cases Closed								37 : 167
III.	Arrest Made								13 : 86
IV.	Community Meetings								0 : 0
V.	Purchase of Evidence								\$6,190.00 : \$21,055.00
VI.	Purchase of Service								\$0.00 : \$0.00
VII.	Purchase of Information								\$750.00 : \$4,550.00
VIII.	Warrants Served								4 : 34
	Search Warrants		2						
	Phone Warrants		1						
	Surveillance		1						
IX.	Total Drug Amounts								
	Cocaine (powder)			36.1	gr :	194.00		gr	
	Crack Cocaine				gr :	13.50		gr	
	Marijuana			459.15	gr :	4710.26		gr	
	Methamphetamine (ice)			1,428.75	gr :	9801.83		gr	
	Heroin			0.60	gr :	20.00		gr	
	LSD				du :	129.00		du	
	Psilocybin Mushroom				gr :	11.80		gr	
	Ecstasy			85	-pills :	121.00		-pills	
	MDMA				gr :	0.90		gr	
	Prescription pills			389.5	du :	749.50		du	
	Opiates								
			Of which	378	du :	436.50		du	

Other: Heroin 34ml, Methamphetamine 23ml,

X.	Meth Labs	
	Lab	0 : 0
	One Pot	0 : 0
	Components	0 : 0
	Dumpsite	0 : 0
XI.	Firearms	
	Seized	13 : 82
XII.	Assets Seized	
	Federal	\$0.00 : \$0.00
	State	\$800.00 : \$94,897.00
	Vehicle	: 0
XIII.	Drug Trafficking Operations Disrupted	2 : 10
XIV.	Conviction for the Month	3