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## **Sheriff Prendergast Releases January Drug Stats**

(Citrus County) Sheriff Prendergast is pleased to report the results of January's crime-reduction initiatives related to drug crimes.

**# of drug-related arrests:** 45 [by patrol, detectives and Tactical Impact Unit (TIU)]

### **Arrest statistics:**

36 males, 9 females

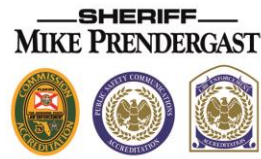
City of Crystal River: 5

City of Inverness: 6

East side of county: 18

West side of county: 14

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## Charges:

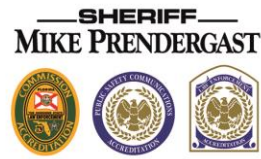
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession Cannabis (Less than 20 Grams)
- Drug Paraphernalia - To Inject/Ingest/Inhale/Introduce
- Sell/Manufacture/Deliver or Possess w/Intent to Sell/Manufacture/Deliver Controlled Substance
- Sell/Manufacture/Deliver or Possess w/Intent within 1000 feet of a Place of Worship
- Theft of Controlled Substance defined in 893.02
- Deliver/Possess/Manufacture Drug Paraphernalia Knowing It Will Be Used To Inject/Ingest/Inhale A Controlled Substance
- Trafficking in Methamphetamine
- Possession of Schedule I,II, or III Drugs w/Intent to Sell/Manufacture/Deliver
- Introduction of Contraband into a Detention Facility (Drugs/Narcotics)

**# of Search Warrants:** 6 (by TIU)

## Drugs seized by TIU:

- Cannabis
- Cocaine
- Crack Cocaine
- Heroin
- Methamphetamine
- Psilocybin Mushroom
- Pharmaceutical Tablets

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### Other items seized:

- Ruger AR-15 rifle
- Rossi 357 Magnum (Serial Number Defaced)
- \$10,786.00 in U.S. currency

“Everyone in the agency knows that fighting the drug problem in our community is a top priority. From our Tactical Impact Unit to our patrol deputies, everyone is focused on a strategic attack to arrest those who are selling drugs, using drugs and promoting a culture of illegal drugs in Citrus County,” said Sheriff Prendergast on Friday. “I wasn’t kidding when I said we are going to hit this issue hard and we will not give up.”

A variety of other pills were seized by patrol deputies throughout the month in addition to those collected by TIU. Also, 154.3 pounds of unused or unwanted medications were turned into the Sheriff’s Office for disposal.

“If you’re dealing or using, get out of Citrus. If not, we’re coming for you,” Sheriff Prendergast concluded.

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