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PRESS RELEASE

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Warren County Sheriff Kevin Harrison reports the arrest of a suspect from O'Fallon Missouri and the seizure of a clandestine methamphetamine lab. The arrest occurred on August 21, 2010 at approximately 9:00pm. The investigation was the result of a citizen complaint of a suspicious vehicle in the area of the 12400 Block of Trails End Court in Wright City Missouri. The suspect was identified as:



Steven M. Bates, 32 Years Old, W, M
350 Block of Centerfield Drive, O'Fallon MO
Manufacturing a Controlled Substance
\$25,000.00 Cash or Surety Bond

WCSD Patrol Corporal Scott Taylor received the call regarding the suspicious vehicle. Upon making contact he noticed a strong chemical odor coming from in or around the vehicle. Taylor was able to see items commonly used in the meth manufacturing process inside the vehicle.

Near the vehicle Taylor located a plastic soda bottle containing numerous ingredients undergoing a chemical reaction.

This method of manufacturing meth is known on the street as a "One Pot" or a "Shake & Bake" lab.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin T. Harrison".

Sheriff Kevin T. Harrison