



# Press Release

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According to Lt. Carl Dondorfer, on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 3:02 pm, the Lake County Sheriff's Office responded to 21 Huntington Rd. in Painesville Township in for a reported Criminal Trespass in progress. 21 Huntington, a trailer home, had been recently condemned by the Lake County Health Department as a result of a search warrant served at this location, inside which was found a clandestine methamphetamine lab. Several callers reported that a male had entered the secured trailer.

Upon arrival in the area by Sheriff's Deputies, a white adult male fled the trailer and on an ATV vehicle. Deputies pursued the suspect into Painesville City after which time the ATV became disabled on a large snow drift, and the suspect fled on foot north of Fobes Street toward State Route 2. The Painesville City Police Department assisted in the search which led north across both lanes of Route 2, and north into an area west of Huntington Trailer Park.

The male suspect was located hiding under some brush in this area and was identified as 29 year old James L. McElroy Jr. of Painesville Twp. McElroy was taken into custody without further incident.

Subsequent investigation at the scene revealed that McElroy was in possession of several individually wrapped packages of suspected Methamphetamine. McElroy was booked in at the Lake County Jail and charged with *Criminal Trespassing, Failure to Comply with the Signal of a Police Officer* and *Drug Trafficking* charges.

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