

Tompkins County Sheriff's Office

Multi-Agency Drug Task Force Special Operation “#11 A.K.A. Clean Sweep”



Presented by:

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Crash, Fire and Rescue Building
72 Brown Road
Ithaca, NY 14850



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- I. **Operation Summary:** In the beginning of July 2014, Officers responded to a rash of community complaints regarding drugs sales in Tompkins County. As a result of the complaints, local police agencies formed a special multi-agency task force in order to address the complaints. Law Enforcement implemented a special operation called “#11/Clean Sweep”. The task force involved 11 agencies working together to identify the people responsible for selling illegal narcotics and to make arrests.
- II. **Operation Results:** Through reviewing cases and complaints, law enforcement agencies compiled a list of approximately 33 suspects allegedly selling narcotics in Tompkins County. Law enforcement identified suspects wanted for other crimes that span from:
- *Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance with intent to sell*
 - *Criminal Sales of Controlled Substances*
 - *Criminal Sales of Marijuana*
 - *Illegal Possession of Weapons (Firearms)*
 - *Burglary*
 - *Petit thefts from retailers*
 - *Criminal Possession of Stolen Property*
 - *Murder Warrant*
 - *Warrants*
 - *Fugitive of Justice Warrant*
 - *Local Criminal Court Warrants*
 - *Probation Violations*
 - *Active Parole Violation Warrants*



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III. Identified Suspects:

1. Rufus Lomax AKA Esso

- ◆ 39 year old male, Town of Dryden
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ Parole Warrant
- ◆ (1 Ct) Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance 4 Ounces or more Class A Felony
- ◆ (2 Cts) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance Class B Felony
- ◆ *Case Pending*

2. Farida Gurbanova

- ◆ 24 year old female, City of Ithaca
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ V&T Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle 2nd Degree Unclassified Misdemeanor
- ◆ Criminal Impersonation 2nd Degree Class A Misdemeanor

3. Sarah Monroe

- ◆ 34 year old female, Town of Dryden
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ (1 Ct) Criminal Possession Controlled Substance 3rd Degree Class B Felony
- ◆ *Pled, Awaiting Sentencing*

4. Dennis Livingston AKA Life

- ◆ 36 year old male, Queens NY/City of Ithaca
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ (3 Ct) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree B Felony
- ◆ (2 Ct) Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia 2nd Degree Class A Misdemeanor
- ◆ (1 Ct) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 4th Degree Class C Felony
- ◆ (1 Ct) Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd (B Felony)
- ◆ *Case Pending*

5. LaRocke House

- ◆ 35 year old male, City of Ithaca
- ◆ Arrested (1CT) Criminal Possession Controlled Substance 3rd W/Intent to sell a class B-Felony Indicted
- ◆ *Pled, to (1) Criminal Sale Controlled Substance 3rd a Class B-Felony, Awaiting Sentence (Suspect Pending Arrest)*
- ◆ Arrest Warrant
- ◆ (4 Cts) Criminal Sale of Marijuana-A Misdemeanor

6. Brandon Peckham

- ◆ 22 year old male, Town of Ithaca
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ (1 Ct) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree w/Intent to sell B- Felony
- ◆ (1Ct) Attempted Burglary 3rd degree E-Felony
- ◆ *Pled, Awaiting Sentencing*

7. Whitley Taylor

- ◆ 33 year old male, City of Ithaca
- ◆ Arrested on unrelated charges
- ◆ Robbery 2nd C Felony
- ◆ Burglary 1st B Felony
- ◆ Indicted
- ◆ (1Ct) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd degree B-Felony
- ◆ **Case Pending**

8. Donald Lee

- ◆ 32 year old male T/Dryden
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ (1 Ct) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 5th degree D-Felony
- ◆ (2 Ct s) of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd degree B-Felony
- ◆ (1 Ct) Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 5th A-Misdemeanor
- ◆ (1 Ct) Burglary 2nd degree C-Felony
- ◆ **Case Pending**

9. Brian Strong

- ◆ 32 year old male, Town of Dryden
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ Indicted
- ◆ (1 Ct) Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd B-Felony
- ◆ (1 Ct) Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 5th A-Misdemeanor
- ◆ (1) Burglary 2nd Degree C-Felony
- ◆ **Pled, Awaiting Sentence**

10. Christopher Brown AKA “Brownie”

- ◆ 35 years old male, town of Ulysses
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ (1 Ct) Attempted Assault 2nd degree –E-Felony
- ◆ (1 Ct) Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd degree B-Felony
- ◆ **Pled and was sentenced to 5 years in prison and 2 years post release on drug charge**
- ◆ **1 ½ to 3 years on assault charge (Concurrent time)**
- ◆ Cash forfeiture

11. Gary Kurbanov AKA “G”

- ◆ 22 year old male, Town of Ithaca
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ (1 Ct) Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd degree B-Felony
- ◆ (1 Ct) Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd Degree
- ◆ **Ithaca Shooting not covered in the agreement - 1 to 3 years in Prison**
- ◆ **3 Years Prison and (Concurrent time) 1 ½ Post Release**
- ◆ Cash forfeiture
- ◆ **Pled and sentenced**



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12. Jovan Monk

- ◆ 30 year old male, City of Ithaca
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ (1 Ct) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 5th Class D Felony
- ◆ *Case Pending reduced to Misdemeanor CPCS 7th*

13. Dan Yetko

- ◆ 30 year old male, Town of Ithaca
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ (6 Cts.) Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd B-Felonies
- ◆ *Case Pending*

14. Brandon Whyte AKA “B Man”

- ◆ 28 year old male, City of Ithaca
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ (3 Cts) Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree w/intent to sell B-Felonies
- ◆ (1 Cts) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 5th D Felony
- ◆ *Pled was sentenced to 3 ½ years in prison and 2 years post release on both (Concurrent time)*
- ◆ Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 5th
- ◆ Cash Forfeiture

15. Corbin Whyte AKA “CC”

- ◆ 30 year old male, City of Ithaca
- ◆ Arrested by Ithaca City Police Fleeing from Police
- ◆ (1 Ct) V&T Reckless Driving Unclassified Misdemeanor
- ◆ (1 Ct) Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree Class D Felony
- ◆ Parole Violation Warrant Florida
- ◆ *Case Pending*

16. Lawrence Haskins

- ◆ 59 year old male, Town of Ulysses
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ V&T
- ◆ Fugitive from Justice Warrant from California

17. Vincent L. Bean AKA “Millz”

- ◆ 20 year old male, City of Ithaca
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ Murder Warrant from Rochester NY
- ◆ *Turned Over to Rochester PD*



18. Bruce Ferguson

- ◆ 39 year old male, Queens NY
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ (1 Ct) Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd Class B Felony
- ◆ (1Ct) Unlawful Possession of Marijuana Violation
- ◆ (2Cts) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd
- ◆ *Case Pending*

19. Javon Delfyette

- ◆ 30 year old male, Brooklyn NY
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ (1 Ct) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree W/Intent to Sell B-Felony
- ◆ *Case Pending*

20. Naquan Stevenson

- ◆ 28 year old male Brooklyn NY
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ (1 Ct) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd W/Intent to Sell B-Felony
- ◆ *Case Pending*

21. Angelo LeGrand AKA “True”

- ◆ 39 year old male, Village of Groton
- ◆ Arrested
- ◆ (1 Ct) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Class A Misdemeanor
- ◆ Warrant by City of Ithaca Police Department
- ◆ *Case Pending*



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IV. **Agency Involvement:** Thank you to all of the agencies list below. Without the assistance of these departments the success of this operation would have been severely diminished.

- ◆ Tompkins County Sheriff's Office
- ◆ Tompkins County District Attorney's Office
- ◆ Ithaca Police Department
- ◆ New York State Police
 - NYS Police- Ithaca SIU Division
 - NYS Police- CNET Western and CNET Southern
 - NYS Police- Binghamton SIU Division
- ◆ NYS Division of Parole
- ◆ Cayuga Heights Police Department
- ◆ Dryden Police Department
- ◆ Groton Police Department
- ◆ Trumansburg Police Department

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.TIP LINE: 607-266-5420

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.All information will be kept confidential and you will be contacted by only one individual.

