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## **WISE COUNTY, VA** **DRUG-RELATED MASS** **ARREST**

Wise- On Monday, December 8, 2008, the Wise County Sheriff's Department, Southwest Narcotics Task Force, Virginia State Police, Town of Wise Police Department, Coeburn Police Department, and Big Stone Gap Police Department combined to conduct a Mass Arrest of 27 offenders who were indicted by the Multi-Jurisdiction Grand Jury. This Mass-Arrest targets individuals throughout the whole county.

These arrests stem from an ongoing investigation by the Southwest Narcotics Task Force. Since 2005, the investigation has resulted in over 400 arrests. "We are lucky to have law enforcement agencies in Wise County that work so well together. A 3 year investigation takes a lot of time, manpower, teamwork, and dedication. I appreciate all of their efforts", said Commonwealth's Attorney Ron Elkins.

For more information, please contact Ron Elkins or Suzanne Kerney-Quillen at the Wise County Commonwealth's Attorney's office. 276-328-9406.