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Press Release

On 3/8/17 at approximately 0730 hours members of the CNET Drug Taskforce, Cedar County Sheriff's Office, Bates County Sheriff's Emergency Response Team, Vernon County Sheriff's Office, Eldorado Springs Police Department, Agents from the Drug Enforcement Agency and the United States Marshals Office executed a narcotics related search warrant on a residence just outside the city limits of Eldorado Springs, Missouri.

The residence had been the subject of a narcotics investigation by CNET Drug Taskforce, Cedar County Sheriff's Office and Eldorado Springs Police Department. The residence was occupied by one subject who was taken into custody without incident. That subject was identified as Bobby Keith, W/M DOB 9/19/57, of Eldorado Springs, Missouri. During the search agents recovered methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

The residence in Cedar County was also a known location of a wanted fugitive that the CNET Drug Taskforce and Cedar County Sheriff's Office had been investigating for drug trafficking for over the last year. Kenneth Bryant Lake, W/M DOB 4/19/1961 of Oronogo, Missouri, was federally indicted by a Grand Jury for conspiring and or distributing 500 Grams or more of a substance that contained methamphetamine and a federal warrant was issued for his arrest on May 21, 2016. While agents served the search warrant at the residence in Cedar County additional agents was conducting surveillance at a second location in Barton County that was also known to be a place that Kenneth Lake may be living at. Kenneth Lake had been the subject of multiple drug investigation search warrants and attempts to take him into custody over the last year.

At approximately 1515 hours surveillance teams identified a male subject standing in the front yard of a residence in the rural Barton County area as Kenneth Lake. Agents from the above agencies, Barton County Sheriff's Office and Missouri State Highway Patrol converged onto the residence and after a

short foot pursuit took Lake into custody. A search warrant for the residence was obtained and approximately three ounces of methamphetamine and approximately \$3,000 in cash were seized along with property associated with Lake and narcotics transactions. Lake was transported to the Bates County Sheriff's Office where on Thursday was turned over to the United States Marshal Service.

