



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### ***MONTEREY MAN ARRESTED FOR METH***

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – The Putnam County Sheriff’s Office Drug Task Force, as part of an ongoing drug investigation, arrested Gregory Michael Howard, 40, of Monterey, Tennessee Monday night on charges of Intent to Manufacture, Deliver, Sell, or Possess Methamphetamine. Investigators seized 28.4 grams of methamphetamine, as well as packaging materials and digital scales.

Howard has an extensive criminal background and has been in the Putnam County Jail Facility over 30 times. Howard is facing two additional class A felony charges, the highest class of felony in Tennessee, over similar methamphetamine charges that are currently awaiting trial in court at this time from arrests that occurred in June of 2020. This arrest makes his third, class A felony. Howard’s bond was set for \$900,000.

Sheriff Eddie Farris stated, “Howard, who is a significantly large illegal narcotic dealer in our area, after being arrested for these three felony charges, and numerous other crimes, should not be allowed to be on our streets. These types of narcotic dealers are what propel our drug users and drug dealers in our area. This behavior is unacceptable and, as your sheriff, ridding this criminal behavior from our community is of highest importance.

“Illegal narcotic sales and that behavior is definitely a violent crime and always leads to excessive violence. Dealing with it is considered a high priority in Putnam County. We will not tolerate this. If you do sell illegal narcotics, we will find you and arrest you.

“Putnam County is a good community, and your sheriff’s office is working hard to maintain our way and standard of living.”

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