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Multi-Agency Operation Leads to Arrests in Connection with Maryland Heights Pharmacy Burglary

On July 31, 2025, detectives from the Maryland Heights Police Department Bureau of Investigations (BOI) responded to Clark County, Arkansas, as part of a coordinated multi-agency investigation into a pharmacy burglary that occurred earlier that morning in Maryland Heights, Missouri.

Maryland Heights BOI detectives worked in partnership with the following agencies:

- North Little Rock Police Department (AR)
- Little Rock DEA (AR)
- Clark County Sheriff's Department (AR)
- Arkadelphia Police Department (AR)
- Group 6 Narcotics Task Force (AR)
- Arkansas State Police

As a result of the operation, **four suspects** were taken into custody in Clark County, Arkansas, on July 31, 2025. On **August 1, 2025**, all four individuals were formally charged in **Clark County Circuit Court** with **eight (8) counts of Trafficking in a Controlled Substance (Class Y Felonies)** under Arkansas Code Ann. § 5-64-440.

Arrested Individuals:

- **Erik Lyons**, Black Male, Age 21
- **Johnathan Fore**, Black Male, Age 29
- **Omar Bartley White Jr.**, Black Male, Age 21
- **Anthony Vanwright**, Black Male, Age 32



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All suspects are residents of Houston, Texas.

During the investigation, law enforcement recovered approximately **284 bottles of stolen medication**, totaling more than **26,000 pills**. These included various **controlled substances** such as **Morphine, Oxycodone, OxyContin, Adderall, and Methadone**. The estimated street value of the seized narcotics is between **\$750,000 and \$1,000,000**.

The Maryland Heights Police Department BOI is currently working with the United States Attorney's Office – Eastern District of Missouri (EDMO) regarding potential federal prosecution.

This investigation remains active and ongoing. Further updates will be provided as appropriate.

Please direct all media inquiries to the Maryland Heights Police Department – Public Information Officer Terry McComas at (314) 738-2358, tmccomas@marylandheights.com

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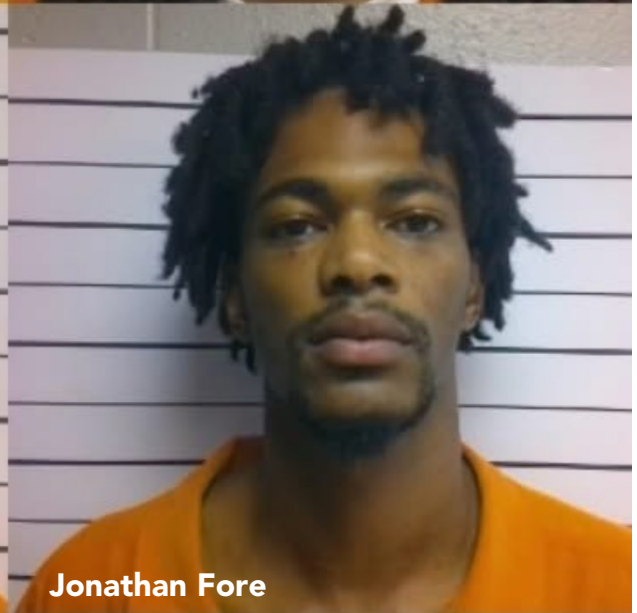
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