

## METRICH raid in Ontario nets drugs, cash, firearms

Detectives from the METRICH drug task force Friday along with Ontario police and Richland County Sheriff Office seized drugs, firearms and cash during a raid at 40 Clare Road.

Christopher Ball, 33, of 40 Clare Road, was charged with three counts of trafficking in cocaine, a felony of the fifth degree; one count of trafficking in cocaine, a felony of the second degree; and one count of possession of cocaine, a felony of the second degree, according to a news release from METRICH.

During the search detectives seized approximately 22.5 grams of suspected cocaine, suspected heroin & marijuana and assorted drug-related paraphernalia along with two handguns, Hi-Point 9mm semi auto & Taurus revolver, and ammunition, according to METRICH.

Also seized was \$6,394 in U.S. currency, according to the news release.

METRICH Sgt. Steve Blust stated this was a direct result of cooperation among Richland County Law Enforcement agencies and tips received from the community.

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