

# KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Over the past several months, investigators from several agencies have conducted a narcotic investigation into the distribution of methamphetamine in the Knox County area. As a result of the investigation, five federal indictments were issued by a federal grand jury. The indictments charged each of the five with conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine.

The indictment alleges that the five defendants conspired together and with others to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine in Knox County over a three year period, beginning in or about March 2010 and continuing to March 2013, and involving more than 500 grams of methamphetamine.

On Monday, April 15, 2013, law enforcement officers from the Knox County Sheriff's Department, Monmouth PD., Galesburg PD., West Central Illinois Task Force, Peoria MEG and the Illinois State Police Meth Response Team located and arrested the following five suspects;

1. BOOS, Paul M., DOB 09/03/70 of 789 Knox Highway 26, Gilson Illinois
2. HERSLOW, Jerri R., DOB 08/04/70 OF 789 Knox Highway 26, Gilson Illinois
3. DEATHERAGE, Jerel A., DOB 02/21/80 OF 1145 Lane Ave., Galesburg Illinois
4. MAY, Thomas L., DOB 08/02/80 of 701 W. Harlem Ave., Monmouth Illinois
5. PENCE, Leslie M., DOB 08/22/80 of 1411 Willard St., Galesburg Illinois

All five defendants are incarcerated in the Knox County Jail and have made their initial appearances in federal court, Peoria on Tuesday, April 16, 2013. If convicted, the statutory mandatory penalty is 10 years to life in prison. If a defendant has one prior felony drug conviction, the mandatory minimum is enhanced to 20 years to life in prison. With two or more prior felony drug convictions, the statutory penalty is life in prison without parole. For further information, such as booking photo's, you may go to [www.knoxcountysheriffil.com](http://www.knoxcountysheriffil.com).

The investigation continues.

