

## 14 DRUG WARRANTS EXECUTED AROUND GRADY COUNTY IN OPERATION SUMMER SNOW

On Friday June 17 at 05:00 am Lawmen gathered at the Grady County Fairgrounds for a briefing to start operation SUMMER SNOW. Several agencies participated in a county wide drug warrant sweep. Agencies included DEA, US Marshalls, ATF, OBN, DA District 6 Task Force, DOC P&P, OHP, Grady County Sheriff's Department, Chickasha Police Department and Amber Police Department. In February Sheriff's Investigators, DA Investigators and OBN agents started a combined joint team in pursuing drug related crimes in Grady County. During this time frame 14 individual drug criminals had enough evidence against them to request a warrant from the District Attorney's office. Information obtained from Chickasha Police, Amber Police and Grady County Deputies was given to the investigators. Upon review from the investigators, each individual became a target producing the facts of dealing meth. The larger dealers like James Brown and Dianne Lucas was served with a search warrant on their residence in Chickasha. Grady County District 6 lead investigator Laffoon called DEA agents to assist in the search warrant issued Friday morning on the larger dealer. Investigator Laffoon stated; "I worked with DEA for 6 months and had a good working relation with them knowing they have more resources and wanted to help in our county with drug dealers." District Attorney Jason Hicks called a meeting with Sheriff Kell days before the warrant sweep to make plans for Friday morning. The plans were made and OBN had the lead on the sweep in Grady County that was planned for Friday morning. 7 teams made up of the above mentioned Law Enforcement agencies were in place and sent out on their quest. After a few hours 8 out of 14 warrants were served for Distribution of Controlled Dangerous Substance. James Brian Brown 54, Diane Lucas 47, Catherine Rana Farley-Ash 39, Timothy Daniels 45, Dana Pruett 39, Kenneth Hall 44, Mabelle Janette Byfield 33 and Jennifer Gail Black 35 all booked in the Grady County Law Enforcement Center. Sheriff Kell said; "On behalf of the citizens of Grady County I would like to thank all agencies involved helping our county with this type of criminal activity, it's my first of many to come."