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APD Narcotics Unit Makes Major Bust

Ardmore Police Narcotics Investigators seized thousands of dollars worth of drugs and cash yesterday in what Cpl. Keith Ingle called "probably the fourth largest bust in 11 years." More than \$11,000 worth of crack cocaine and at least \$1,600 in cash was seized from what officers believe was a distribution point for hard drugs.

Ingle, along with fellow narcotics investigator Sgt. Kevin Norris, obtained a search warrant for a residence in the 400 block of 12th Avenue Northwest shortly before noon on Tuesday, March 10th. The investigation was launched as a result of a tip from a watchful citizen. "This wasn't a crack house so to speak, where people go to smoke the drug and just hang out. We think this was much bigger, an actual distribution point, where the dealers would come to get their supplies of crack to sell on the street," Ingle said.

When officers knocked on the door, a 17-year old female answered – holding her 17-month old child in her arms. Officers then made contact with 22-year old James Lewis Spearman, who was also inside the residence. A search was conducted as a result of the warrant, and multiple crack "cookies" and marijuana were found – some hidden inside a rhinestone-decorated shoe.

Spearman was arrested pending charges including trafficking a controlled and dangerous substance, maintaining a dwelling for the use and sale of narcotics, and possession of marijuana. Additional charges may be considered in regards to the two juveniles being in the house.

"We've had a good week so far. We need citizens to continue to come forward so we can do something about the drugs in our community," Norris said. If you have information about drug activity in Ardmore, call the APD Narcotics Division at 226-9712.

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