

The Badge



Towns County Sheriff's Office News



From the desk of Sheriff Ken Henderson:

In the wake of the senseless death of NYPD Officer Jonathan Diller, those that have accepted the oath to faithfully serve and protect mourn the loss of a fallen brother. The oath is an honor only a few dares to take. The inherent risk to our extraordinary profession is now more evident than before but we must continue to stand together.

Each Towns County Sheriff's Deputy chose to proudly wear the badge and step up as heroes for our families and our community. The mission of TCSO is to protect by courageously standing between good and evil.

A great way to get to know TCSO and understand the uncertainties associated with law enforcement is through our Sheriff's Law Enforcement Academy which will begin Tuesday, April 9th. This is a 10-week course meeting one day per week. I would highly encourage you to consider attending. Although the official deadline to apply has passed, please contact Jill Gittens at 706-896-4444 if you are interested in attending.

I would also like to encourage you to get involved with the 1st Annual Hot Gun Tournament sponsored by Summer Heat of Towns County and Chatuge Gun Club, Inc. This is a charity fund raiser to support Towns County First Responders. Both organizations will be advertising this event in the near future. It promises to be a day of fun and friendly competition.

As I've said before, the work we do is difficult and challenging, but being able to assist our community makes it all worthwhile.

Thank you for your continued support.

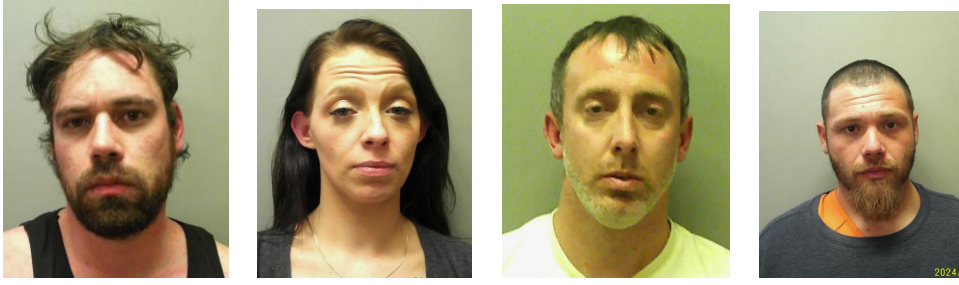
Towns County Sheriff Ken Henderson would like to commend the Towns County Sheriff's Office in their assistance to the Hiawassee Police Department during THE terrible accident in the City of Hiawassee March 10th. Sheriff Henderson would also like to state that all involved far surpassed expectations during an extremely traumatic event.

Sheriff Henderson and the entire Towns County Sheriff's Office Staff are sending out prayers for all affected in the coming days and weeks.

Towns County Sheriff's Office Mission Statement

Our Mission is to modernize the Towns County Sheriff's Office and to provide quality enforcement services using proactive enforcement, community partnership and problem solving, which will create a safe, secure, and desirable living and working environment for our citizens and visitors.

FEBRUARY DRUG ARRESTS:



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MARCH DRUG ARRESTS

On Monday, March 10th, Towns County Sheriff's deputies received a call with information concerning possible drug activity on Vista Road.

During the investigation it was determined a female, Rebeka Eichholtz, had outstanding warrants in Cherokee County GA and Clay County NC. Probable cause was established to conduct a search of the residence. The search resulted in the confiscation of an amount of Methamphetamine which field tested positive, resulting in the arrest of two individuals.

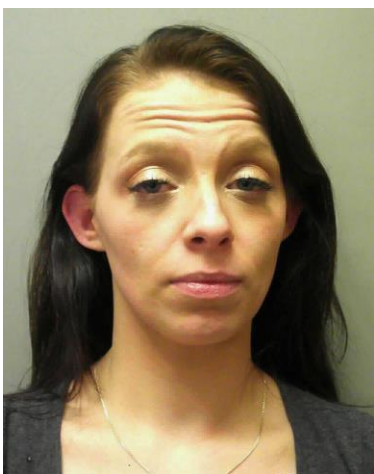
Rebeka Renee Eichholz, age 28, Blairsville was arrested and charged with:

- Felony Trafficking Methamphetamine
- Felony Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute
- Felony Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession and Use of Drug Related Objects

Kevin Ray Jones, age 36, Hiawassee was arrested and charged with:

- Felony Possession of Methamphetamine
- Felony Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute
- Felony Trafficking Methamphetamine
- Possession and Use of Drug Related Objects

Sheriff Ken Henderson would like to thank the concerned citizen that took the time to report suspicious activity stating, "working together with the citizens of Towns County will continue to keep our county a safe place to live."



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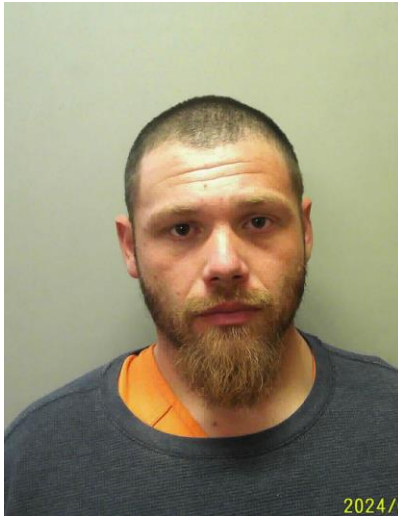
On Tuesday March 19th, during concentrated patrols targeting the Gum log Road area, a Towns County Sheriff's Office deputy conducted a traffic stop near Barnard Road.

During the traffic stop, probable cause was developed to search the vehicle where an amount of Methamphetamine, which field tested positive, was seized.

Robert Curtis Parker, age 31, Brasstown, NC was arrested and charged with:

- Felony Possession of Methamphetamine
- Driving While License Suspended or Revoked
- Probation Violation

Towns County Sheriff Ken Henderson commends the hard work of our patrol deputies and concentrating patrols in known drug areas to keep our county and community safe.



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UPDATE ON DEATH INVESTIGATION AT HIGH SHOALS FALLS

The GBI's investigation into the death of Trevonte Jamal Helton has concluded and support the facts gathered in the investigation.

The GBI Medical Examiner's preliminary findings reflect that Helton death on February 21st was a suicide.

TOWNS COUNTY DETENTION CENTER JAIL MINISTRY

For more than 40 years the Towns County Detention Center has had a Jail Ministry program within the confines of its center with the exception of the Covid lockdown which was still in place when Sheriff Ken Henderson took office. The first order of business for Sheriff Henderson was to reinstate the ministry program within the Covid guidelines that were still in place in early 2021. With twenty volunteers from several churches the jail ministry is currently thriving in helping minister to our entire jail population with as many as twelve services a month.

If you or your church is interested in volunteering your services, applications are available at the Towns County Sheriff's Office, or you can reach out to us at 706-896-4444.



Sheriff Henderson would like to thank the kids and parents at the Young Harris Apartments for a great afternoon.
Special thanks to Amber McCoy for getting this group together and helping us out.



2024 TOWNS COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHAMPS GRADUATES

Congratulations to the 2024 Towns County Elementary CHAMPS Graduates!
After a 10-week journey learning about Choosing Healthy Activities and Methods Promoting Safety, our students have graduated!
The mission statement for C.H.A.M.P.S. is to provide an educational program for Georgia's youth, which provides guidance, and skills, ability and knowledge to be safe, healthy, and happy, in preparation for a successful life. The program was founded in 2003 by the Georgia Sheriffs' Association to address these urgent challenges.
Lesson plans taught by SRO Sally Tanner in the program includes alcohol and drug abuse, bullying, internet safety, being leaders and followers, peer pressure, gangs, graduation, home alone/child abduction safety, stress, tobacco and violence.
With today's students facing dangers older generations could not have imagined. Choosing Healthy Activities and Methods promoting Safety (C.H.A.M.P.S.) is a crucial lesson plan for these students to help prepare them for any obstacles they may face ahead.
Sheriff Ken Henderson believes that early intervention is a key element in combating drug abuse in the future and this program covers all aspects to help these kids face those challenges.

Sheriff Henderson would like to congratulate this fine group of students for their participation and commend all their hard work and a special thanks to SRO Sally Tanner for her dedication to the kids and this program.

Congratulations goes out to the following essay winners.

Greyson Hedden

Jenson Dills

Kaia Solfield

Carter Brackett

Overall essay winner

Jenson Dills

Role models for each class

Jacely McClure

Brady Blevins

Thomas Johnson

Austin Henderson



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