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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Three Arrested in Connection with Pharmacy Robberies**

Law enforcement authorities in Union and Mecklenburg counties have collaborated to solve a series of pharmacy robberies across the county that began early this year. Union County Sheriff's Detectives developed information that **Christopher Lee Helms** and **Paulette Deanna Funderburk**, both of Monroe, were attempting to sell large quantities (hundreds) of oxycodone pills in the Monroe area. These are suspected to be the same pills stolen in the three recent robberies of the Sun Valley CVS in Indian Trail, BI-LO Pharmacy at 1642 Dickerson Boulevard, and the CVS Pharmacy at 2501 W. Roosevelt Boulevard.

On the afternoon of January 25, 2014 Detectives with the Sheriff's Office and Monroe Police joined forces to conduct two undercover buys of oxycodone pills from the suspects. Two purchases were made by an undercover UCSO detective, totaling over 100 dosage units of oxycodone. The two suspects were arrested in the parking lot of Midway Barbecue in Monroe without incident. Their vehicle, a 2003 Dodge Ram truck, was seized. Medicine bottles matching those stolen from the CVS Robbery on January 24<sup>th</sup> were recovered from their possession, as well as more than \$3,000 Cash. Both were charged with Trafficking in Opiates and Conspiracy to Traffic in Opiates, as well as the Sale and Delivery of Opiates, among other drug-related charges. UCSO and Monroe Detectives then executed a search warrant on their room at the Economy Inn, and seized marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and another medicine bottle matching those stolen in the robbery. Interviews were conducted with both suspects, and the actual robbery suspect was positively identified.

UCSO and Monroe detectives then traveled to 7121 Amarillo Drive in Charlotte, where they linked up with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police officers and made contact with the robbery suspect, **Adam Christopher Maylott**. Maylott was taken into custody without incident, and was cooperative with authorities. A search of the residence yielded several bottles containing hundreds of oxycodone pills, identified as more of the property stolen in the most recent CVS robbery. Clothing and other items were also seized.

UCSO Detectives charged Maylott with Common Law Robbery and Trafficking in Opiates for the January 10, 2014 robbery of the Sun Valley CVS. Monroe Police Detectives made identical charges for both the January 20<sup>th</sup> robbery of the Bi-Lo Pharmacy, and the January 24<sup>th</sup> robbery of the CVS Pharmacy.

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**Adam Christopher Maylott**

7121 Amarillo Drive Charlotte, NC



**Christopher Lee Helms**

Economy Inn, Room #2,

412 W. Roosevelt Blvd. Monroe, NC



**Paulette Deanna Funderburk**

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All three suspects remain in the Union County Jail, with an initial court date of March 11, 2014. Adam Christopher Maylott is under a \$500,000 secured bond, Christopher Lee Helms a \$250,000 secured bond, and Paulette Deanna Funderburk a \$251,000 secured bond.

“This is another example of how the sharing of information can solve crime,” said Sheriff Eddie Cathey. “We appreciate the opportunity to work with Monroe PD to bring the perpetrators of these robberies to justice. When law enforcement works together, there is no limit to what can be accomplished,” he continued.

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For additional information: Captain Ronnie Whitaker, 704-283-3887.

Citizens with information concerning criminal activity are encouraged to call:

**Union County Sheriff's Office** at 704-283-3789

Or

**Union County Crimestoppers** at 704-283-5600

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