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TITLE: METHAMPHETAMINE LAB SEIZURE  
SILOAM SPRINGS, AR – 20 AUGUST 2009

On 19 August 2009 at approximately 1730, Narcotics, CID and Patrol officers from the Siloam Springs Police Department along with a narcotics officer from the Arkansas State Police, executed a search warrant on the home of Richard G. Jones (age 50). Jones resided at 1003 Maxwell Street of Siloam Springs AR with his elderly mother (name withheld) who is not connected with this investigation.

Narcotics officers began investigating Jones after confirming Jones was purchasing large quantities of pseudoephedrine and other precursors consistent with the manufacture of methamphetamines. Narcotics officers approached the Jones residence earlier in the day and an overwhelming chemical odor associated with a clandestine methamphetamine lab was detected. A search warrant was executed on the residence of Jones, which resulted in several items of evidence being seized from the residence. It appeared Jones had very recently begun dismantling the lab and was in the process of trying to destroy and remove the evidence of the lab when the search warrant was executed. Members of the Siloam Springs Fire Department provided assistance at the scene which had to be ventilated before officers could complete the search of the residence.

Jones was arrested and charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Intent to Manufacture, Manufacture of methamphetamines in the presence of certain persons, and Manufacture near certain facilities and is currently being held in the Benton County jail.