## **News Release**

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**Subject: Search Warrant Served** 

On March 1, 2017 at approximately 1410 hours the METRICH Enforcement Unit assisted by the Mansfield Division of Police and the Mansfield Office of the F.B.I. executed a search warrant at 1504 W. Fourth St. in the City of Mansfield. The search warrant was signed by the Honorable Judge Ardis.

The search warrant was the result of a lengthy, ongoing investigation in reference to allegations of suspected prostitution and sexual related activity at the Tuina Studio, which is a massage parlor. A group of area pastors worked with law enforcement regarding the complaints at the business. As of now, the Tunia Studio is closed for business and the business was issued an eviction order by the property manager.

METRICH Commander Lt. Joseph Petrycki stated the METRICH Enforcement Unit and the Mansfield Office of the F.B.I. will be working together on this case to identify any connections to the crime of human trafficking. Detectives seized an assortment of potential evidence and further follow up needs to be completed before this investigation is concluded. Lt. Petrycki further stated that individuals with any additional information regarding Tuina Studios can call METRICH at 419-755-9728 or the Crime Tip Hotline at 419-52-CRIME (419-522-7463). Lt. Petrycki would also like to thank the Mansfield Office of the F.B.I. for their assistance with this investigation.

METRICH is a ten county decentralized task force in North Central Ohio whose mission is to improve the quality of life for the citizens we serve by reducing the availability of illegal drugs and weapons through proactive enforcement efforts. The success of METRICH is a tribute to the cooperation and support within the Law Enforcement Community in the METRICH region and to those citizens who have chosen to improve the quality of life in their communities by assisting METRICH in reporting suspicious activity and valuable information.

Citizens may report suspicious activity to the crime hot lines at: 419-522-7463 and <u>www.METRICH.com</u>















