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**SUBJECT: Port St. Lucie Narcotic Detectives seize 2.5 pounds of Marijuana and seize \$10,000.00 in cash after drug sting in a residential Port St. Lucie neighborhood.**

On May 25, 2016 Port St. Lucie Police Special Investigation Division Detectives arrested **James Dean Snyder (DOB 7/8/87, 1451 SE Grapeland Avenue, Port St. Lucie)** for sale of Marijuana, felony possession of Marijuana, possession with intent to sell Marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and use of 2 way communication device. Detectives also arrested **Michele Dayle McIlmurray (DOB 2/25/95, 1451 SE Grapeland Avenue, Port St. Lucie)** for felony possession of Marijuana, intent to sell Marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia, and **Dorothy Jean Snyder (DOB 9/9/66, 1451 SE Grapeland Avenue, Port St. Lucie)** for possession of controlled substance without prescription, possession of Marijuana under 20 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia following an execution of a search warrant of their home.

The investigation into the illegal sales of Marijuana in this residential neighborhood began on April 26, 2016, after a concerned citizen told police that Snyder was selling Marijuana out of his home, which is located in the 1400 block of SE Grapeland Avenue. Narcotic detectives conducted a drug sting on April 27, 2016 when they went to his house and purchased 1 ounce of Marijuana. On May 3, 2016, Police again purchased another ounce of Marijuana from Snyder at his home. In both instances detectives used \$20.00 bills, which were recorded by their serial numbers, to complete the transactions.

On May 25, 2016, Port St. Lucie Police Detectives executed a search of Snyder's house. During the search detectives located a safe in one of the bedrooms of the house. Inside the safe was over



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\$7,000.00 in cash. While conducting an inventory of the cash, detectives discovered that the police investigative funds used to purchase Marijuana from Snyder was co-mingled with the rest of the cash. Police ultimately seized over \$10,000.00 in cash. Along with the Marijuana, detectives found drug paraphernalia such as smoking devices, a grinder, Ziploc bags, and digital scale.

Police arrested James Dean Snyder, his mother, Dorthy Jean Snyder, and his girlfriend Michele Dayle McMurray. All three were taken to the St. Lucie County Jail for booking.