

# The Badge



## Towns County Sheriff's Office News



### From the desk of Sheriff Ken Henderson:

I take a great deal of satisfaction in knowing that our people are well prepared to serve citizens and fulfill our commitment to them and to the larger community.

Every opportunity we get to attend community events is essential to our partnership with communities and our goal of keeping citizens informed.

Across the United States, there is a shortage of law enforcement officers. The challenges at full staffing are easier to manage, but at these lower levels, TCSO employees are truly going above and beyond in many ways.

I continue to be impressed by the care and commitment of the men and women of your Towns County Sheriff's Office. They face difficult situations with grit and determination. They serve with genuine compassion. They are true to the calling of service to others.

Are you interested in a job that is more than just something to do; that's something to be? Towns County Sheriff's Office is a place where you can make a difference. Stop by the office and pick up an application, we'd love to hear from you.

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### Shop With the Sheriff

Christmas comes early to Towns County Sheriff's Office, Georgia. Sheriff Ken Henderson was honored on May 1, 2023 to be awarded a kind and generous donation of \$7500.00 at Brasstown Valley Resort from the Smokies GT a not-for-profit diverse community of Porsche GT owners who exist to create experiences where passion and purpose come together with a purpose to help improve the lives of others through creating life experiences and charitable giving.

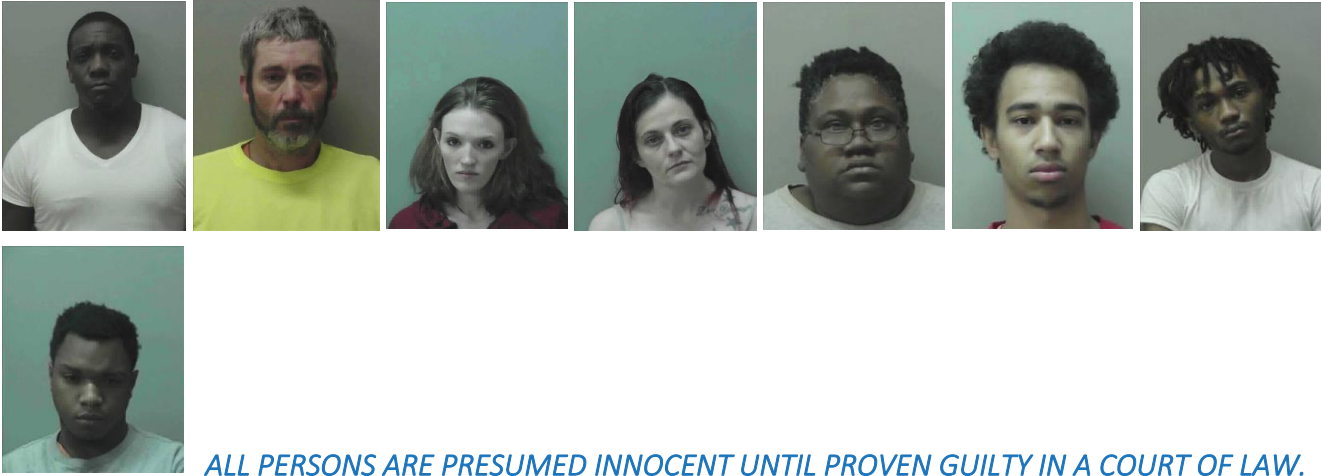
Sheriff Henderson and his staff have already begun the pre-planning for this upcoming Christmas season and as always appreciate the kindness shown to those in need from our community who give and care so much about the children we serve.



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**MAY DRUG ARRESTS:**



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**May 1, 2023**

Towns County Sheriff's Office Investigators have been investigating a known drug supplier for the Towns, Clay, and Cherokee County NC area.

The investigation came to an end on Monday, May 1st during a traffic stop at Hwy 76 East/Hwy 288.

Towns County Sheriff's Office K-9 Zeus conducted a free air search of the vehicle where K-9 Zeus alerted on the vehicle.

As a result, a large amount of Methamphetamine laced with Fentanyl, raw Fentanyl, which field tested positive, was confiscated from the suspect's person.

The drugs were headed to known drug dealers in the Towns, Clay, and Cherokee County NC area.

Alphonso Terrell Cloud, age 39, Lawrenceville, GA was arrested and charged with:

- Felony Trafficking in Methamphetamine
- Felony Possession of a controlled substance with Intent to Distribute
- Felony Possession of Methamphetamine
- Felony Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Felony Crossing Guard Line with Weapon/Drugs/Intoxicants
- Obstruction of an Officer

Sheriff Ken Henderson is pleased to have a supplier of deadly drugs out of our community.

Sheriff Henderson would also like to thank the Cherokee County NC Sheriff's Office, and all involved for their assistance.



**May 10, 2023**

On Wednesday, May 10th at 2:09 AM, Deputy Tyler Strickland initiated a traffic stop on Hwy 75N. Probable cause was established, and a search of the vehicle resulted in an amount of Methamphetamine was confiscated, which field-tested positive, along with drug related objects.

Calvin William Taylor, age 45, Roberta, GA was arrested and charged with:

- Felony Possession of Methamphetamine
- Felony Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime
- Felony Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon
- Possession and Use of Drug Related Objects
- Driving while License Suspended/Revoked

Sheriff Ken Henderson commends our patrol deputies for being effective in our work on drug apprehension.



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### May 13, 2023

On Friday May 13th at 5:00 pm Lt. Tommy Shook and K-9 Dakota conducted a traffic stop on Highway 339 and Crooked Creek Connector.

K-9 Dakota conducted a free air sniff and alerted on the vehicle. A search of the vehicle was conducted and an amount of Methamphetamine which field tested positive was confiscated.

Ashley Marie Reece, age 32, Young Harris was arrested and charged with:

- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Driving Without a License
- Failure to Maintain Lane

Sheriff Ken Henderson is pleased to see our K-9s at work and their continued efforts on drugs.



### May 16, 2023

On May 16, 2023, Towns County Sheriff's Office K-9 Deputy Darringer Barrett conducted a traffic stop on Highway 76 near The Ridges Resort.

K-9 Xena was deployed on a free air sniff of the vehicle and positively alerting on the vehicle.

A search of the vehicle resulted in the confiscation of an amount of Methamphetamine which field tested positive, and drug paraphernalia.

Jennifer Lynn Caiazzo, age 31, Hayesville NC was arrested and charged with:

- Felony Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession and Use of Drug Related Objects



*All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

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## TATE CITY

Monday, Towns County Sheriff Ken Henderson met with the Tate City Homeowners Association in the Tate City Community Center to discuss public safety issues.

Also present was Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw, Fire Chief Harold Copeland, 911 Director Marty Roberts, and Tax Commissioner Michael Anderson.

The meeting was informative and well attended.



## TOWNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE K-9 TEAM

Towns County Sheriff's Office is proud to introduce two additional K-9s and handlers to our K-9 team. Zeus and his partner Deputy Davis and Xena and her partner Deputy Barrett join Dakota and Lt. Shook. Our Towns County K-9s are a valuable asset to the Sheriff's office. These K-9s accompany their handler at all times while on duty.

The 3 K-9s assist their handler to detect illegal substances such as narcotics of all kinds. K-9s have an incredible sense of smell. All of our Sheriff's K-9s and handlers are certified to meet state certification standards.

Towns County Sheriff's K-9 handlers are certified and trained in Criminal and Drug Interdiction for patrol deputies. These patrol deputies are trained in techniques to detect and apprehend drug couriers, intoxicated drivers, fugitives, and other criminals. These deputies partnered with a K9, will impact criminal activity and keep our roadways and community safe.

Sheriff Ken Henderson is pleased with the commitment of these specialized deputies and K9s. Their commitment to the extra training hours necessary reflects the quality and commitment of these deputies. Sheriff Henderson cannot emphasize enough the significant role these K-9s contribute to our war on drugs.



## TABLETOP ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

Towns County Sheriff's Office conducted a tabletop training session for active shooter situations. Sheriff Ken Henderson and Chief Deputy Gene Moss were in attendance with Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw, Fire Chief Harold Copeland, EMS Director Ken Nicholson, 911 Director Marty Roberts, Towns County Schools and City of Hiawassee Chief of Police. This meeting was to discuss active shooter training and responsibilities for each agency.

Sheriff Henderson stated this was a very important and much needed training in order to be prepared to respond to an active shooter situation.

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