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<u>Press Release</u> Traffic Stop Leads to Bust

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On November 21, 2018 at 9:50 pm Parsons Police Officer Joel Franklin observed a vehicle speeding west bound on Main street through the heart of town. Officer Franklin made a traffic stop in the 3600 block of Main. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Christopher Blansett, white male, age 46, Mr. Blansett was found to have a no bond warrant for Probation Violation out of Labette County District Court.

During the traffic stop Labette County's K9 Unit, Deputy Tony Adamson, was contacted to assist.

Deputy Adamson's K9 gave positive indication for illegal drugs in the vehicle. During the subsequent search of the vehicle marijuana, methamphetamines, and pills were found in the vehicle. Mr. Blansett was transported to Labette County Jail for the no bond warrant.

Parsons Police and Labette County Sheriffs Department continue their partnership in rooting out drugs in our county in this latest bust. "This kind of arrest will only continue to happen as we move forward in laying the foundation for a new narcotics taskforce", said Parsons Police Chief Robert Spinks. "Every arrest for the sales, distribution & manufacture of illegal narcotics is a win in our community. Law

enforcement in Labette County will continue to crack down on illegal narcotics and will show no mercy in the enforcement" according to Spinks.

Charges have been requested to be filed against Mr. Blansett for Possession of Marijuana,

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of a Controlled Substance along with traffic charges.

This continues to be an on-going investigation and citizens are encouraged to "See It, Hear It, Report It". If anyone has any further information on this incident or any other criminal activity, please contact the Parsons Police Department at 421-7060 or call the Tip Line at 421-7057 or email at tips@parsonspd.com.

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