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Lake Panasoffkee, FL

On March 25, 2013 at 9:39PM Deputies responded to 2638 CR 412, Lake Panasoffkee in reference to a 911 Emergency/Disturbance call.

Upon arrival Deputies met with the property owner Allen West in a wooded area next to the residence. Allen West stated that two male subjects forcibly entered his house by kicking in the front door at which time he fled out the rear and hid in the woods.

West requested the Deputies search his residence for possible subjects. During the search Deputies noticed a strong acidic odor emitting from the master bedroom. Deputies then discovered in the master bedroom and bathroom plastic soda bottles with tubing protruding from them. The bottles also had a wet white pasty substance in the bottles and on the bathroom and bedroom counters. These items are commonly used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine.

Allen West was called back into the residence. As one of the Deputies began to question West another Deputy discovered some of the above items had been removed and placed in an "Igloo" cooler. West advised the Deputies that he hid the items in the cooler to avoid getting in trouble. He advised the items were not his stating "They were cooking it" without giving any other details. Allen West did confess that he had manufactured and smoked methamphetamine in his home as recently as two weeks ago.

The Special Investigations Squad responded and executed a search warrant. Detectives discovered ammonium nitrate, sodium hydroxide (AKA "Drano"), a corrosive acid, lithium strips and other items commonly used to produce methamphetamine. The lab was dismantled by the Special Investigations Squad.



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Allen West, DOB: 10/17/1967 was transported to the Sumter County Detention Center and charged with the following:



Charges

Drugs-Produce Methamphetamine

Drugs-Possess Listed Chemical WIT Manufacture Controlled Substance

Bond

\$20,000

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