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Drug crackdown in DuBois

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DuBOIS — State, county and local authorities took six people into custody Tuesday in the latest installment of a concerted effort to crack down on drug trafficking in the Greater DuBois Area.

Clearfield County District Attorney William A. Shaw Jr. was joined by DuBois City officials to announce the arrests and warn other drug dealers, "We know who you are and more arrests are coming."

Shaw announced the arrests of six people:

• Darrell Taylor, 24, Washington Avenue, Hyde. He is charged with possessing and selling prescription drugs, including Klonopin, Vicodin and LSD as well as criminal use of a communication facility.

• James E. Carter, 50, Tozier Avenue, DuBois. He is charged

with possessing and selling prescription drugs, including Ritalin, Percocet and Roxicodone.

• Thomas Kiehlmeier, 27, South Jared Street, DuBois. He is charged in two complaints with possessing and selling marijuana and criminal use of a communication facility.

• Stephanie Gilbert, 39, Bonnie Court, Curwensville. She is charged with criminal conspiracy in connection with the sale of marijuana.

• Joshua Orcutt, 29, Walltown Road, Grampian. He is charged with possessing and selling



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marijuana as well as criminal use of a communication facility.

• David August, 36, North Stockdale Street, DuBois. He is charged in three complaints with possessing and selling marijuana and cocaine and criminal use of a communication facility.

Preliminary hearings are scheduled Friday before DuBois District Judge Patrick Ford.

Shaw said Tuesday's arrests are a "small sample of what's to come," adding that authorities are concentrating more resources and more sophisticated



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investigative techniques in Clearfield County.

Tuesday's arrests involved agents from the Office of Attorney General - Bureau of Narcotics Identification, along with officers from the DuBois City Police Department, Clearfield County Drug Task Force and Pennsylvania State Police - Canine Unit.

The effort is called Operation Wrong Choice.

Shaw said agents from the Attorney General's Office and officers from the DuBois City Police Department identified the suspects as



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Jefferson County District Attorney Jeff Burkett interacts with students at Brockway Area High School Tuesday afternoon during a presentation in which he warned them about the devastating effects of drug use. (Photo by Nick Hoffman)

'Don't go down dark road'

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BROCKWAY — While authorities in DuBois were completing the arrests of six people Tuesday for allegedly trafficking drugs, Jefferson County District Attorney Jeff Burkett was urging an auditorium full of students to make good choices and not get swept down "the dark road of drug use."

Burkett was joined by Brockway Borough police Chief Terry Young less than two weeks after a state police trooper was shot and critically wounded while he and other officers were trying to serve a search warrant at a suspected methamphetamine operation on Cemetery Hill Road just outside Brockway.

The Sept. 26 shooting led to a standoff that culminated in the shooter

DA warns students: Bad choices bring consequences

- Kenneth Lees Sr. - taking his own life as scores of police surrounded the home.

During the standoff, the elementary and high schools were locked down and students weren't dismissed until about 6 p.m. that evening.

Burkett could not discuss details of the case since it remains an active investigation, but he did allude to the incident and asked any of the students and their families who are "praying people" to pray for the trooper, Brad Wilson.

"While we're getting some good reports," Burkett said, "he's got a long way to go."

Wilson remains hospitalized in Pittsburgh.

Burkett used a drug trial in Jeffer-

son County in November to illustrate the consequences of bad choices.

He said an inner city drug dealer came to Punxsutawney to "set up shop." He dealt heroin and built up a sizable clientele.

Two of his customers were so sick from withdrawal that they needed more heroin and decided to steal the dealer's stash from his safe. They crawled onto a roof, broke into his home and stole heroin.

The dealer, Burkett said, figured out who stole the drugs. He tracked the two young men down and emptied a .40 caliber semiautomatic at them.

One man was hit seven times but survived. He is incapacitated for life. The other is paralyzed. When the trial

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Thompson calls for end to standoff

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Glenn "GT" Thompson, R-Howard, took to the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives Tuesday night and called on Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-NV, and President Obama to end the "hard-line, no-negotiations stance" and begin "dealing with the challenges our constituents elected us to solve."

"Today the House passed

the Head Start for Low-Income Children Act, the 10th bipartisan stopgap funding bill to pass the House since the federal shutdown began," Thompson said. "The program remains a priority of the President's,



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yet the White House just announced a veto threat on the bill. If this isn't a purely political move, I don't know what is."

The House considered and passed several bills to fund government priorities, including the Head Start for Low-Income Children Act and a resolution to engage in good-faith debt limit negotiations.

"The Senate Leader

ought to want to solve our nation's fiscal challenges, which will take bridging differences and negotiating to find agreement," Thompson said. "Unfortunately hard-liner, non-negotiable posturing seems to be all the Senate Majority Leader knows."

"We need to end this government shutdown and get on to dealing with the challenges our constituents

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Shugars waives murder charge to court

By Randy Bartley
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PUNXSUTAWNEY — Michael Christopher Shugars, 32, Punxsutawney, waived his right to a preliminary hearing on criminal homicide charges Tuesday before District Judge Douglas Chambers in Punxsutawney.

Shugars is also charged with aggravated assault and robbery and inflicting serious bodily injury in the death of Chet Allen Haddow, 33, of Punxsutawney.

A fisherman, Dan May, reported what appeared to be two human arms and a thigh in the Mahoning Creek Sept. 15. Fingerprints were recovered and processed through the FBI's Automated Fingerprint Identification System. The FBI confirmed the fingerprints belonged to Haddow.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, Kayla Miller, whom police identified as the victim's girlfriend, told the police Haddow had received a call from Shugars Friday, Sept. 13. Miller told the police Haddow said he was going to meet Shugars but did not return.

The affidavit says Miller told police she tried calling Haddow's cell phone but did not get an answer. Miller then called Shugars and ask him if he had met with Haddow.

Shugars allegedly told Miller he had not met with Haddow. Shugars was interviewed by the state police and said he had met with Haddow to conduct a drug deal near the Valier bridge where he got into Haddow's

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