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## SEARCH WARRANT NETS LARGE DRUG BUST FOR CMHA POLICE

### *Police seeking tips from anyone with information relating to the crime*

**Cleveland, March 29, 2010** – The Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) Police announced that they have arrested and charged two individuals after a large drug bust on Wednesday, March 17 on Cleveland's Lisbon Road.

### Details are as follows:

At around 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2010, CMHA Police executed a search warrant at a house located at 2679 Lisbon Road in Cleveland, which is not a CMHA property. The search warrant is part of an ongoing drug investigation by the CMHA Police Crime Suppression Unit. Detectives, with the assistance of the CMHA Police SWAT Team, discovered a large amount of powder cocaine being used to manufacture crack cocaine.

Confiscated in the search were over 436 grams of powder cocaine, over 400 grams of crack cocaine, and more than \$4,700 in cash along with drug paraphernalia.

Arrested were Kenneth Blackshaw, 45, of Cleveland, and Walter P. Hall, 50, also of Cleveland. Neither individual is a CMHA resident. Both are charged with Violation of State Drug Law and are being held in the county jail. Blackshaw is held on a \$2 million bond while Hall is held on a \$500,000 bond.

The investigation indicates that these individuals were targeting public housing estates as well as various neighborhoods throughout the east side of Cleveland. The cocaine has an estimated street value of more than \$125,000.

"We are going to be very diligent and aggressive in seeking the maximum amount of prison time for both of these individuals," said CMHA Police Chief Andrés González.

**The investigation remains open. Anyone with drug information is urged to contact CMHA Police at (216) 426-7819. Anonymous tips may be left on (216) 426-8477(TIPS).**

Founded in 1933, the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority is the oldest public housing authority in the country. Its Police Department is nationally accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). CMHA serves Cuyahoga County excluding Chagrin Falls Township primarily through two federally-assisted housing programs: Low-Income Public Housing, which serves about 16,000 residents, and the Housing Choice Voucher Program, which provides rental assistance for 14,000 households.

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