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## SAN JACINTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

### PRESS RELEASE

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#### **Sheriff Greg Capers Reports a Clandestine Lab Taken Down in Southwest San Jacinto County**

On March 25, 2016, in the late evening, the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to 1680 Lee Turner Road, Cleveland, Texas, regarding an overdose. Deputy Larry Fechner arrived on the scene and was advised that a male subject had overdosed on an unknown substance. The male subject was transported to Kingwood Hospital. He was found to be unresponsive and placed on life support. The male subject was ultimately pronounced deceased on 03/27/2016 at Kingwood Medical Center.

During his investigation into the overdose, Deputy Fechner observed numerous items and substances that appeared illicit in nature, in addition to items that could be used in the manufacture of narcotics. The San Jacinto County Patrol Tactical Unit was summoned to the scene. Their investigation determined an active clandestine lab was operating and being utilized for the manufacture of synthetic narcotics. The Patrol Tactical Unit summoned the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Drug Enforcement Agency 'Meth Initiative Group', who came to the scene to disassemble the lab and assist in the collecting of evidence. Analysis at the scene determined the recovery of approximately 75 Kilograms of synthetic opiates, along with fentanyl, LSD blotter acid, and anabolic steroids. All of the recovered evidence was submitted to the DPS Crime Lab in Houston for analysis.