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SEARCH FOR SEX OFFENDER LEADS TO DRUG ARREST AND SEVERAL **POUNDS OF MARIJUANA**

Pittsburgh PA ---- Sheriff Kevin M. Kraus announced today that a Duquesne man is facing several drug counts after a search for a sex offender led to the confiscation of several pounds of suspected marijuana.

Detectives from our office developed information that 58-year-old Andre Gray, wanted on a felony arrest warrant for failing to register as a sex offender, was at a residence on Auriles Street in Duquesne. When detectives arrived at the location Thursday evening, they were greeted by 45-yearold Mareio Gray. Gray told them that Andre was not there and did not live there, but they were welcome to search the residence for him.

While looking for the fugitive, detectives noticed in plain view, large bags of suspected marijuana, multiple smaller bags of suspected marijuana, a large bag of suspected hallucinogenic mushrooms as well as additional items of suspected drugs and drug paraphernalia. After completing the search for Andre Gary, who was not at the residence, detectives secured the location and applied for a search warrant based on the suspected narcotics.

Once the search warrant was obtained, detectives confiscated more than six pounds of suspected marijuana, just over a half pound of suspected hallucinogenic mushrooms and numerous other items containing THC as well as small amounts of cocaine and crack cocaine.

Following the execution of the search warrant, Mareio Gray was transported to the Allegheny County Jail and charged with five counts of possession and three counts of possession with intent to deliver. Andre Gray was subsequently located at a relative's home on Wool Street in Duquesne, and he was also transported to the Allegheny County jail for arraignment on the charge of failing to register as a sex offender.