

**UPPER
PENINSULA
SUBSTANCE
ENFORCEMENT
TEAM**

**2016
Annual
Report**

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PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

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- **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives**
- **Bureau of Indian Affairs**
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- **U.S. Homeland Security Investigations**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- **Chairperson: Chief Brett Botbyl**
Menominee City Police Department
- **Vice Chairperson: Sheriff Mike Lovelace**
Marquette County Sheriff Department
 - **Treasurer: Tom Sabor**
Delta County
 - **Secretary: Ken Vanderlinden**
Escanaba Public Safety Department
- **Captain John Halpin**
Michigan Department of State Police
 - **D/F/Lt. Bob Pernaski**
Michigan Department of State Police
 - **Chief Blake Rieboldt**
Marquette City Police Department
 - **Sheriff Ed Oswald**
Delta County Sheriff Department
 - **Sheriff John Norrington**
Schoolcraft County Sheriff Department
 - **Chief Greg Zyburt**
Chocolay Township Police Department
 - **Prosecutor Matt Wiese**
Marquette County
 - **Prosecutor Phil Strom**
Delta County
 - **Undersheriff Roy Britz**
Houghton County Sheriff Department
 - **Chief John Donnelly**
Houghton City Police Department

ACTIVITY

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■ **UPSET West:**

After over a year of meetings and public safety gatherings, and with great support from local law enforcement officials, local businesses, community organizations, and community members within Houghton, Baraga, Ontonagon, and Keweenaw Counties, a reserve was established for the purpose of funding an UPSET West team in order to directly address the growing narcotics epidemic in the Western Upper Peninsula. UPSET West was formed and officially began operation on October 1, 2016. The Team consists of one detective from the Houghton County Sheriff Department, one detective from the Houghton City Police Department, and two detectives from the Michigan State Police. To date, there is approximately \$450,000 in dedicated funding that will be utilized over the course of several years for operating expenses directly related to UPSET West, including equipment, controlled buy funds, and personnel.

ACTIVITY

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- **Domestic Cannabis Eradication and Suppression Program (DCE/SP):**

With the assistance of the Michigan State Police, Michigan Army National Guard, and United States Coast Guard, approximately 40 marijuana grows were inspected and 879 marijuana plants were seized throughout the Upper Peninsula.

- **Clandestine Methamphetamine Labs:**

UPSET responded to 69 methamphetamine labs and/or dump sites this year, which is a 25% decrease from the number of methamphetamine labs and/or dump sites seized in 2015. This decrease in methamphetamine labs is believed to be due to an increase in crystal methamphetamine being trafficked into the Upper Peninsula. Thirty-three individuals were arrested for the manufacture of methamphetamine, with a total of fifty-five arrest counts.

ACTIVITY

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■ **Byrne JAG Grant:**

UPSET was the recipient of \$156,000 for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. This grant is used to offset the wages of eight of UPSET's detectives and one administrative assistant.

■ **Project Safe Trails:**

Project Safe Trails began in June of 2008 as a grant provided by the FBI. The funding from this grant allows UPSET the capability to focus additional effort on Native American reservations within the Upper Peninsula. These funds allowed for 2,943 overtime hours in 2016 to be dedicated towards reducing the amount of narcotics distributed and sold on Native American reservations.

SIGNIFICANT CASES

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■ UPT-37-16

Detectives from UPSET conducted an investigation involving the manufacturing of meth in Baraga County. Utilizing investigation information, including confidential sources and NPLEX logs, detectives were able to identify two suspects that had been manufacturing meth on a weekly basis. UPSET detectives located an active meth lab in L'Anse and arrested the two suspects on multiple drug charges. The suspects are currently awaiting sentencing in federal court.

■ UPT-57-17

UPSET detectives, along with the U.S. Postal Inspector conducted an investigation when over three thousand grams of marijuana was located in a parcel waiting to be delivered to a residence located in Iron River. The intended recipient did not pick up the parcel upon being contacted by the postal service. A second package containing over two thousand grams of marijuana was seized several days later. This package was picked up by the suspect upon being contacted by the postal service. UPSET detectives, with the assistance of the Michigan State Police Homeland Security Team, arrested and lodged the suspect without incident for PWID marijuana.

SIGNIFICANT CASES

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■ UPT-44-16

UPSET detectives conducted an investigation into a large marijuana grow operation that was discovered to be manufacturing and distributing marijuana via various sites located throughout the Upper Peninsula. Detectives determined that the main organizer and grower resided within Ontonagon County and had organized a “caregivers’ association” in which a large number of caregivers were used to locate a large number of medical marijuana patients under the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act. Dispensaries were set up in Iron River, Watersmeet, and Marquette, where the suspects involved were selling marijuana to any cardholding individual, which is a direct violation of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act. Detectives were able to obtain search warrants for all three dispensaries, as well as the main suspect’s residence. Located at each of the three dispensaries were nearly 5 pounds of marijuana, over 132 pounds of processed marijuana, and over 180 marijuana plants. UPSET detectives also seized over \$10,000 in cash as a result of the four search warrants. This case is scheduled for trial to be held in federal court in April of 2017.

SIGNIFICANT CASES

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■ UPT-61-16

UPSET detectives received information regarding a suspect in Escanaba who was manufacturing methamphetamine in a camper located in his backyard. Detectives began to monitor the suspect's pseudoephedrine purchases through the NPLEX system. Detectives also conducted surveillance within the local Walmart where the suspect was making purchases of components used to manufacture methamphetamine. With the assistance of the Escanaba Public Safety Department, a traffic stop was conducted upon the suspect's vehicle as it was leaving the Walmart parking lot. During the traffic stop detectives interviewed the driver and were able to obtain a sufficient amount of probable cause to obtain a search warrant for the suspect's residence. Inside the suspect's residence detectives located a full meth lab. The suspects were arrested for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine as a result of this investigation.

SIGNIFICANT CASES

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■ UPT-121-16

UPSET detectives conducted surveillance at Target in Marquette due to an increase of methamphetamine labs located within the area. Detectives observed two known “meth cooks” purchasing boxes of pseudoephedrine and were able to utilize a uniformed police officer to conduct a traffic stop on the suspect’s vehicle upon his leaving Target. Additional methamphetamine components were located within the vehicle. UPSET detectives were able to obtain full confessions from the suspects. Both suspects were arrested for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

■ UPT-124-16

Detectives from UPSET received information that a suspect located within Delta County was receiving packages of crystal methamphetamine via the U.S. Postal Service. Detectives contacted the local U.S. Postal Inspector and were eventually able to seize a package containing 3.3 grams of crystal methamphetamine. Detectives contacted the recipient of the package who gave both a full confession and the name of the source located in Las Vegas. The source’s information was turned over to Las Vegas law enforcement officials.

SIGNIFICANT CASES

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■ UPE-57-16

UPSET East detectives conducted two separate controlled purchases, each for 1 ounce of marijuana. A search warrant was later conducted at the suspect's residence, where a small amount of marijuana was recovered. \$2,590 was seized from the residence, with \$440 of the seized money discovered to be recovered buy funds. The suspect admitted that the additional money was a result of drug trafficking. Additionally, a firearm, ammunition, and drug paraphernalia were seized from the residence.

■ UPE-59-16

As a result of UPE-57-16, UPSET East detectives conducted a controlled purchase of 10 ounces of marijuana for \$1,500 from a suspect from Bark River who had been supplying an additional suspect from St. Ignace with 10 ounces of marijuana bi-weekly. Shortly after the controlled purchase, the suspect's vehicle was stopped and all controlled buy funds were recovered. Upon searching the suspect's vehicle, an additional 6.5 grams of marijuana and \$690 in cash was seized. The suspect was arrested and is awaiting court process.

SIGNIFICANT CASES

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■ UPE-23-16

UPSET East detectives conducted a controlled purchase of .8 grams of methamphetamine from a suspect located in Sault Ste. Marie utilizing an informant from the Lansing area. Upon completion of the controlled purchase, detectives detained and interviewed the suspect. The suspect consented to both a vehicle search and search of the hotel room in which the suspect was staying. The consent search resulted in the recover of \$400 in pre-recorded UPSET East controlled buy funds, an additional .8 grams of methamphetamine, 1 dosage unit of suboxone, 1 dosage unit of dilaudid, and 2.4 grams of heroin. The suspect is currently cooperating with UPSET East detectives.

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■ UPE-26-16

Detectives from UPSET East conducted a controlled purchase of 2.5 grams of crack cocaine from a suspect located within Manistique. Detectives had previously conducted two controlled purchase of klonopin from the same suspect. A search warrant was immediately conducted after the purchase of crack cocaine where 1 ounce of crack cocaine, 2 ounces of marijuana, and \$570 of drug trafficking proceeds were seized. The suspect was arrested and is currently awaiting trial.

■ UPE-34-16

UPSET East detectives were contacted regarding an attempted smuggling of narcotics into the KCF prison located in Kinross. The suspect was apprehended by MDOC employees, and an additional suspect was located in a vehicle near the scene. UPSET detectives seized 2 grams of heroin, 69.5 grams of marijuana, and 12 cellular phones. Both suspects were arrested and are currently awaiting the court process.

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■ UPE-35-16

UPSET East detectives began an investigation of a suspect located on Mackinac Island for the delivery of marijuana. Since the beginning of the investigation, 3 controlled purchases have been conducted. The suspect was discovered to be a manager of a local bar, and was distributing the narcotics from his apartment located above the establishment. The suspect was eventually approached and arrested by UPSET East detectives at a ferry dock in St. Ignace. The suspect consented to a search of his apartment on Mackinac Island, where 2 long guns, ammunition, over 1 pound of processed marijuana, over 200 grams of marijuana wax, numerous pills, and 3.5 grams of LSD were seized. The suspect is currently cooperating with UPSET East detectives.

SIGNIFICANT CASES

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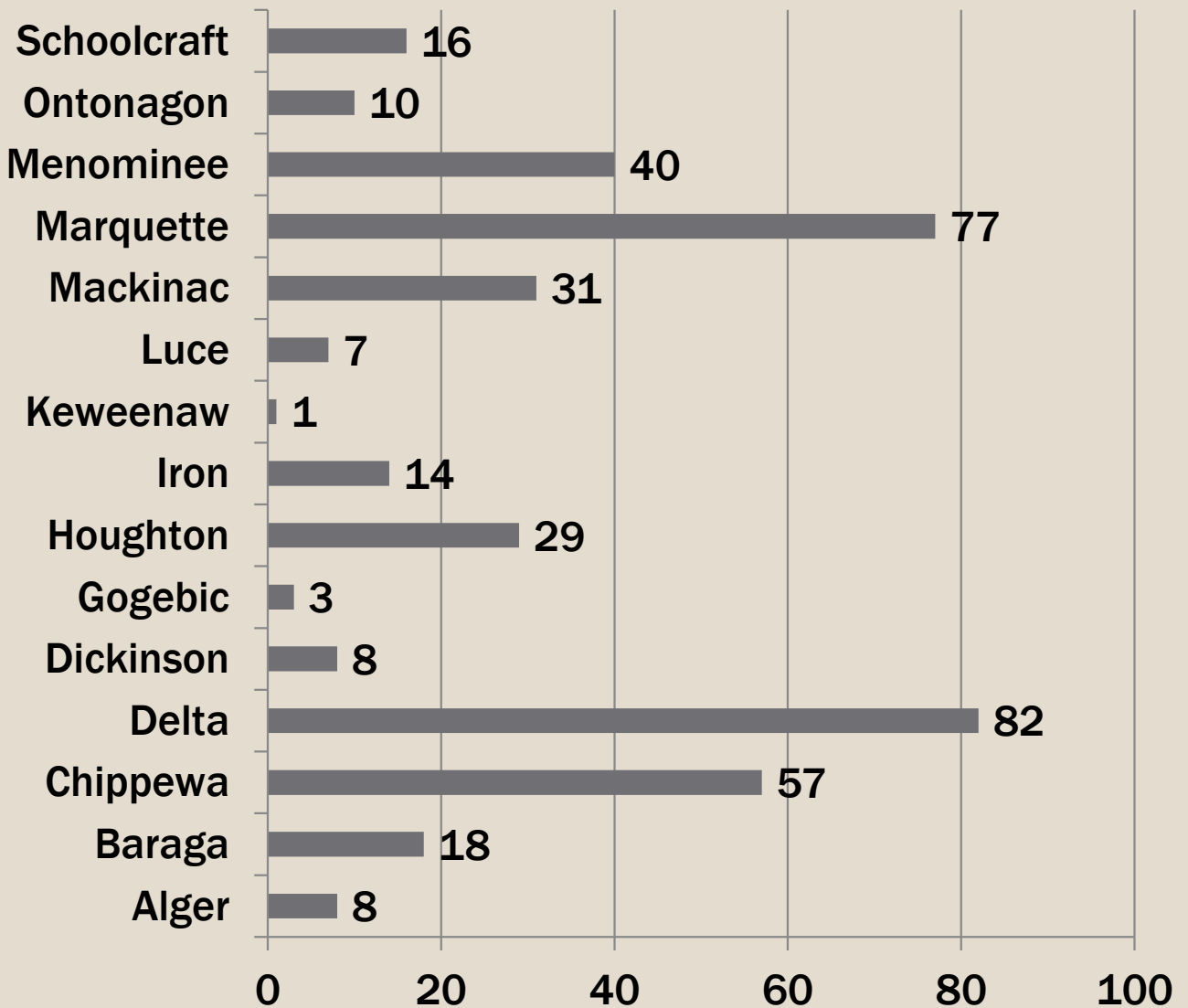
■ UPT-77-15

In 2015 UPSET detectives initiated an investigation into a large scale drug trafficking organization responsible for delivering heroin into the Upper Peninsula. As the investigation continued to grow, UPSET detectives determined that the main source dealer was located in Detroit and responsible for directing dealers from Detroit to traffic heroin all throughout the state. Several other drug teams within the state were also observing these dealers within their jurisdiction at the direction of the main source dealer. To date, UPSET has indicted fourteen suspects from this drug trafficking organization on multiple drug charges, including conspiracy.

COMPLAINTS BY COUNTY

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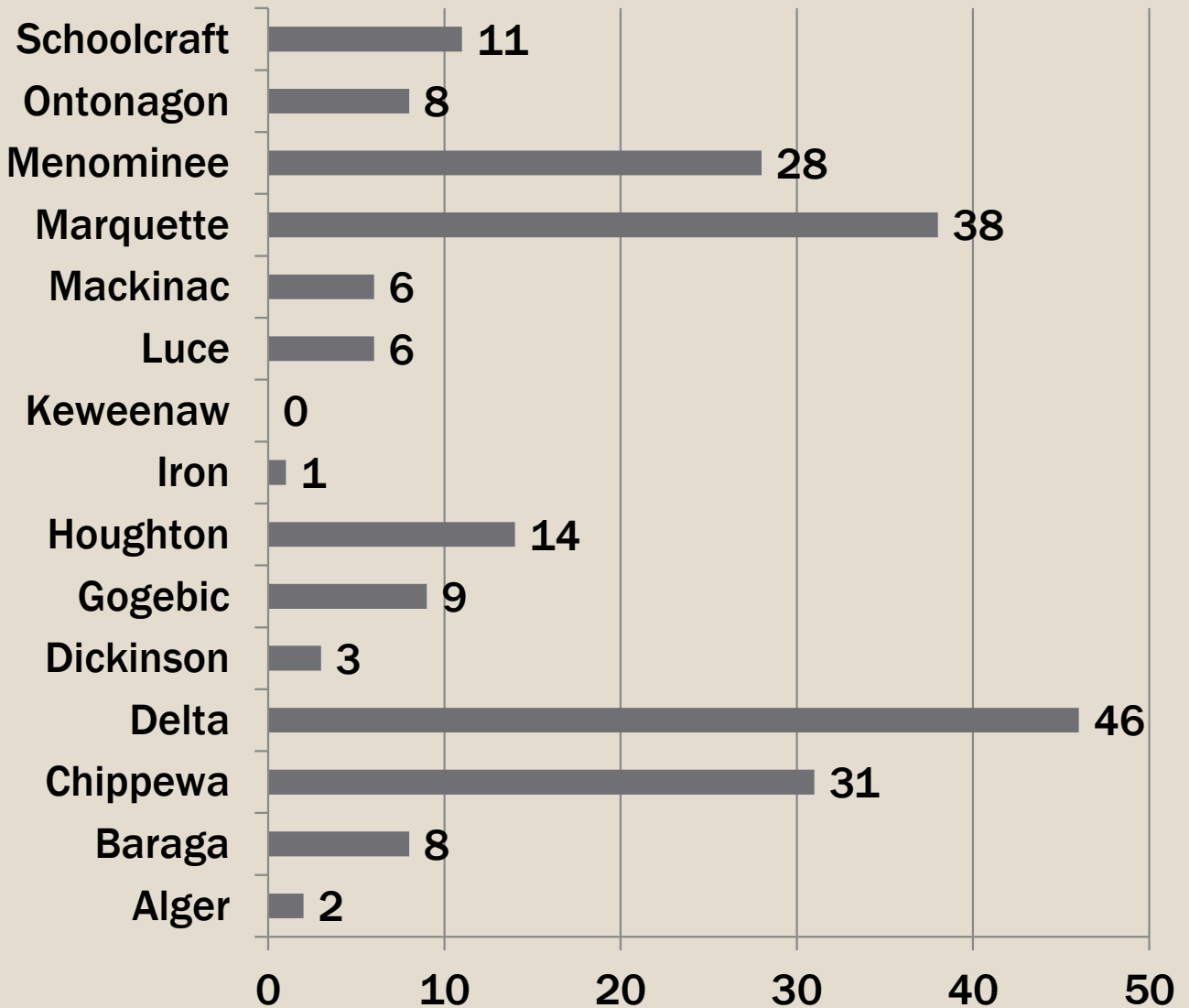
401 Total Complaints



ARRESTS BY COUNTY

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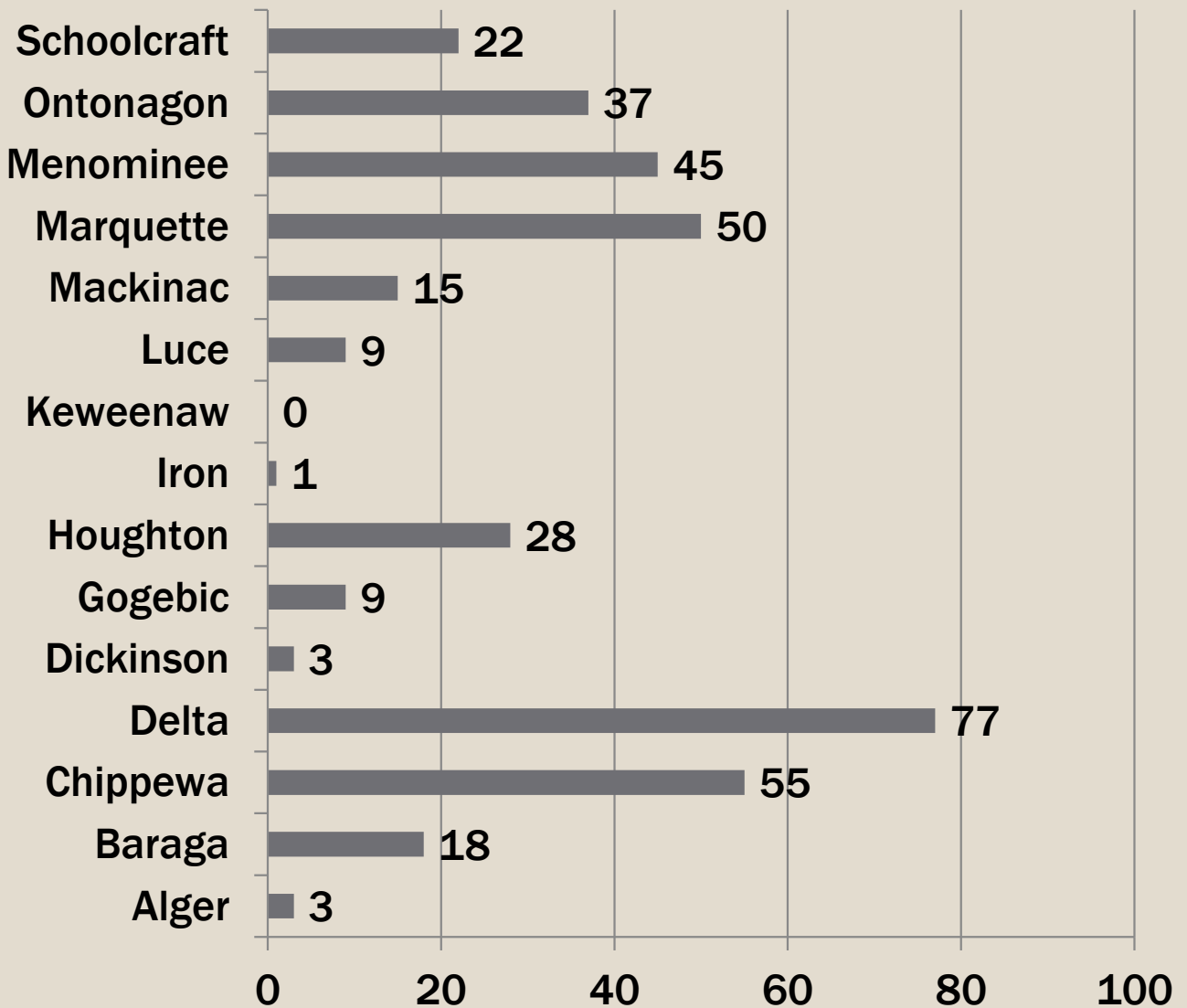
211 Total Arrested Individuals



ARREST COUNTS BY COUNTY

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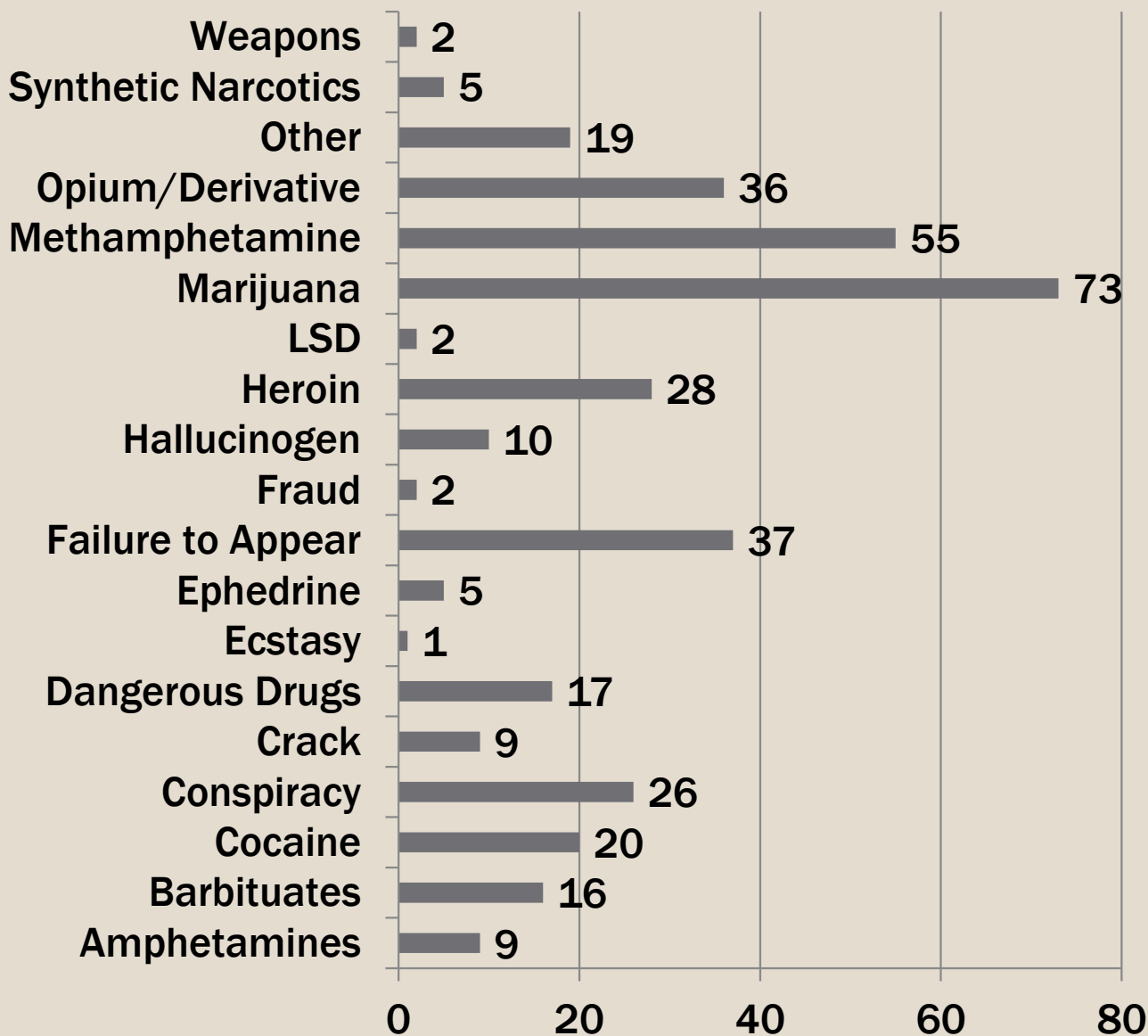
372 Total Arrest Counts



ARREST COUNTS BY ARREST CODES

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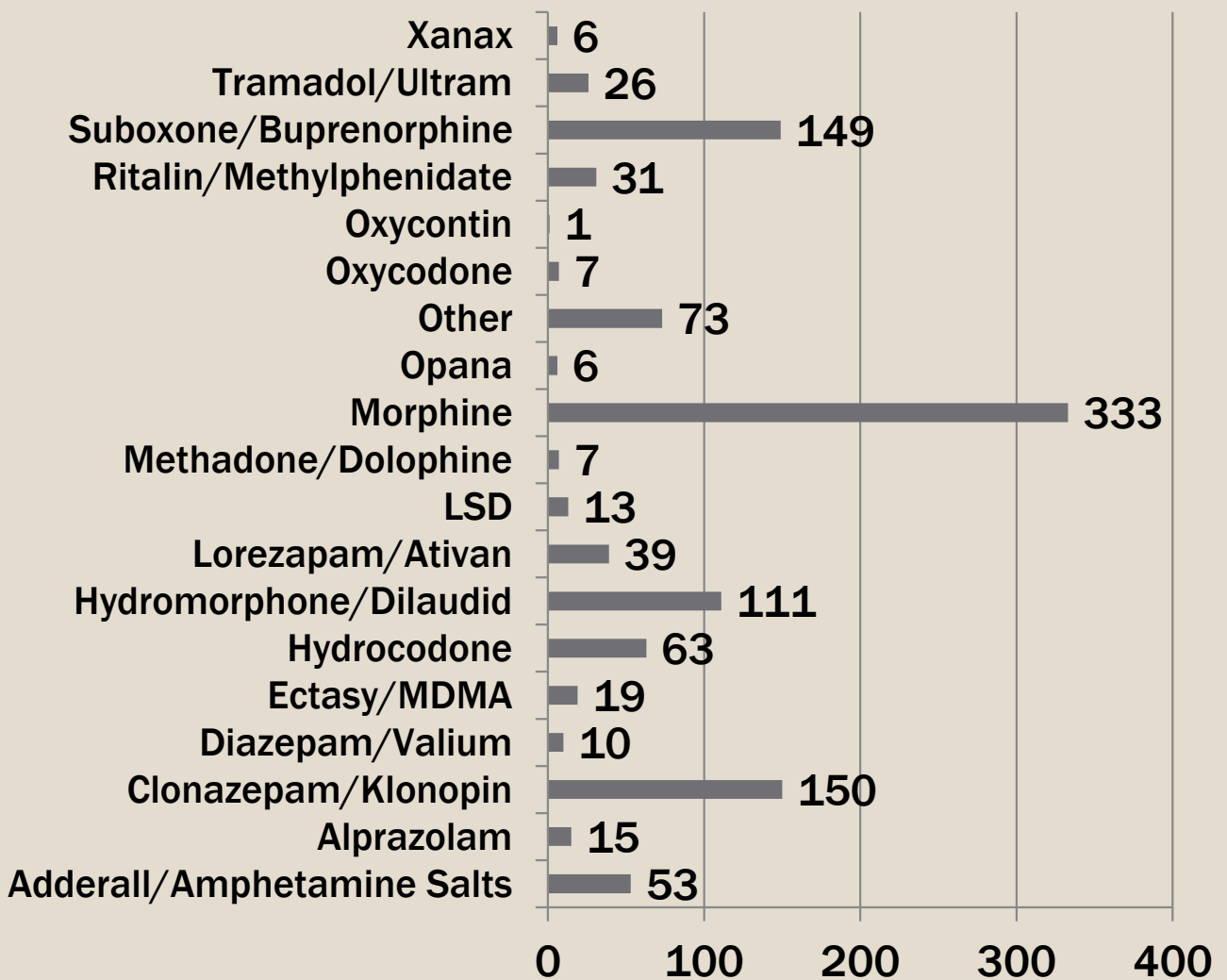
Other includes: assault, burglary, disorderly conduct, larceny, obstructing justice, parole violation, and prostitution.



NARCOTICS SEIZED IN UNITS

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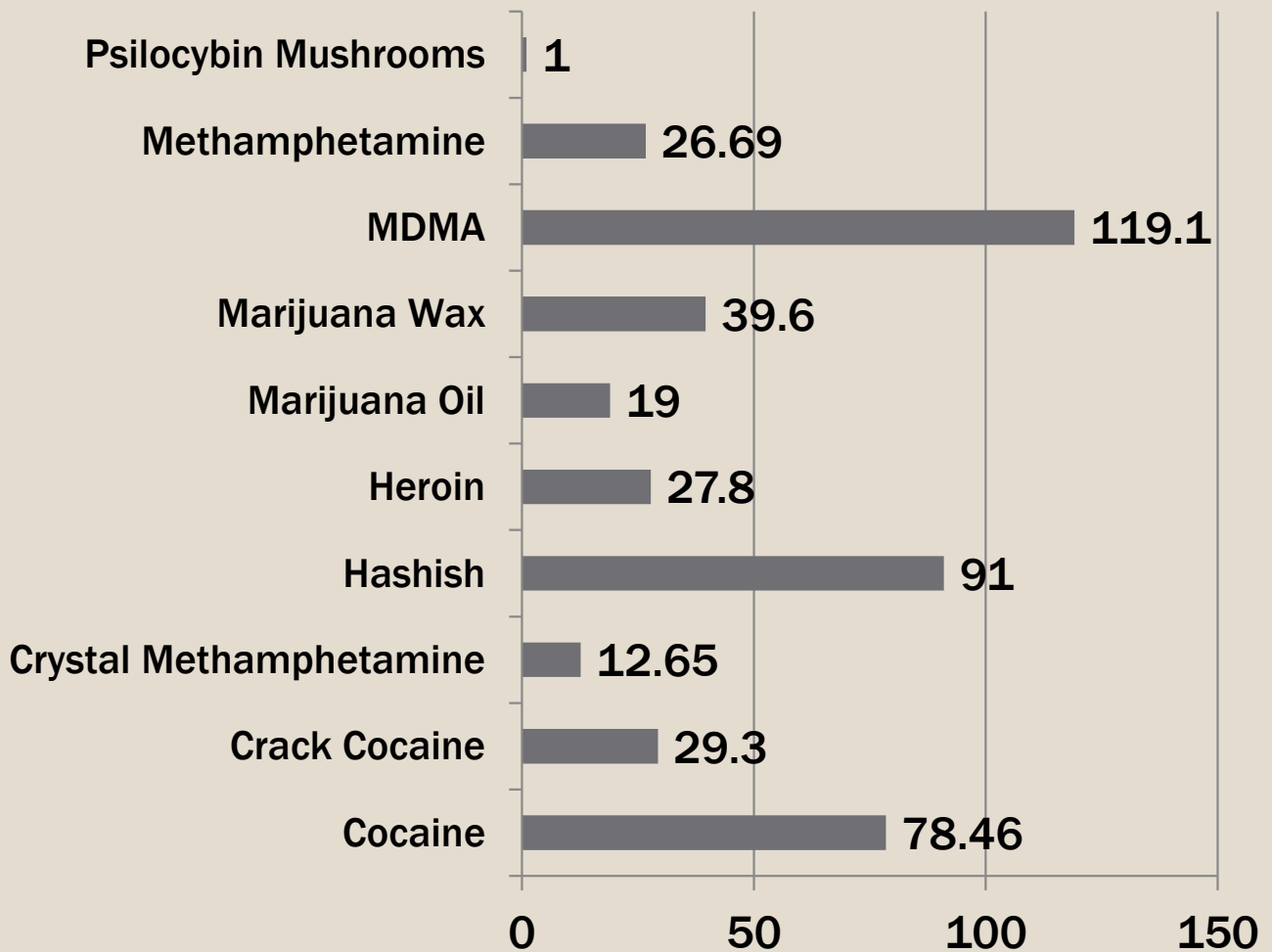
**Street Value of all Narcotics Seized:
\$1,164,388.10**



NARCOTICS SEIZED IN GRAMS

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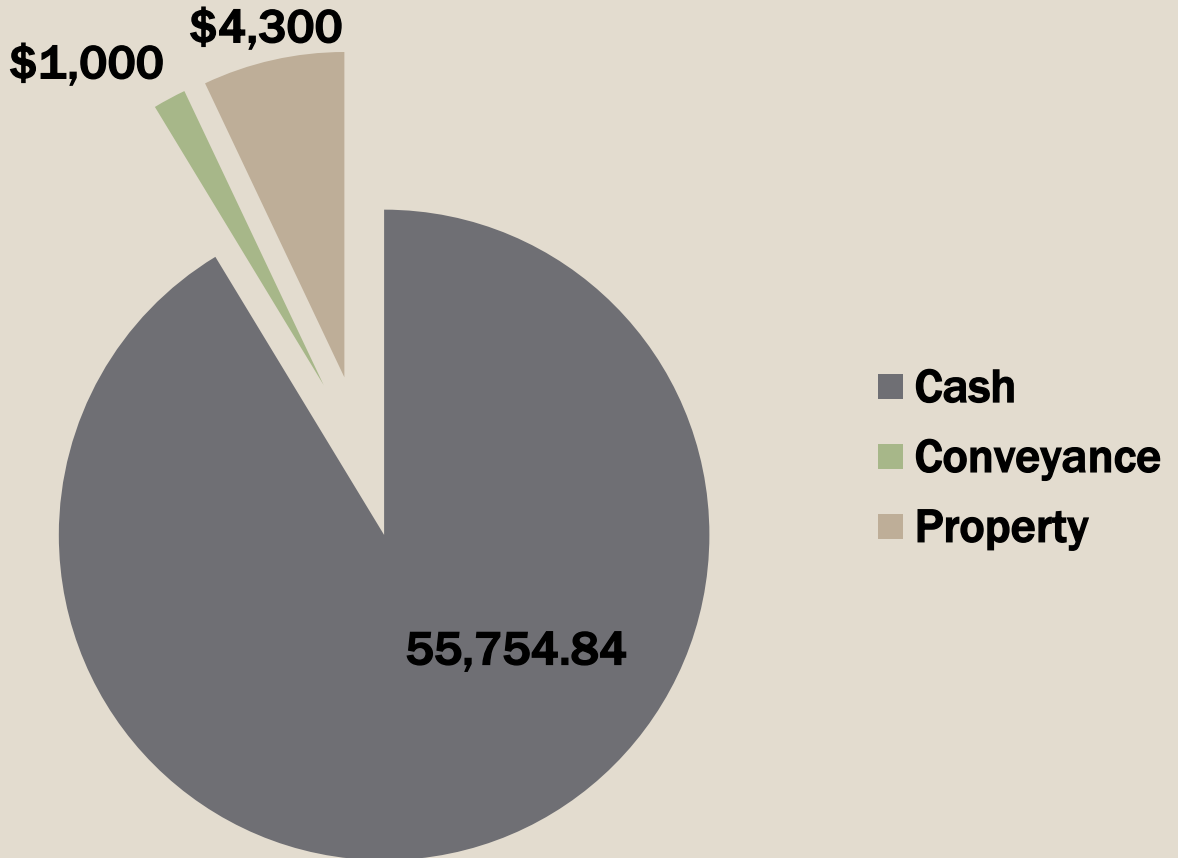
**179.4 Pounds of Processed Marijuana
and 879 Marijuana Plants were also
seized.**



FORFEITURE

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**Net Forfeiture Income Deposited:
\$24,428**



EXPENSES

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■ Audit	\$4,200
■ Building Maintenance	\$498.55
■ Communications	\$5,923.22
■ Controlled Buy Funds	\$44,723.56
■ Equipment	\$20,840.85
■ Forfeiture	\$1,250
■ Insurance	\$1,097
■ Lease	\$9,000
■ Office Expense	\$15,503.42
■ Personnel	\$12,224.92
■ Pole Building	\$36,186.43
■ Training	\$2,345.22
■ Travel	\$161.59
■ Utilities	\$805.16
■ Vehicles	\$47,174.30

■ **TOTAL EXPENSES: \$201,934.22 ***

*Total Expenses also include investigative expenses incurred by UPSET East and UPSET West

MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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- **City of Manistique**
\$1,500
- **Forsyth Township**
\$10,000
- **Maple Ridge Township**
\$500
- **Chocolay Township**
\$5,000
- **Gourley Township**
\$300
- **City of Ishpeming**
\$8,000
- **County of Schoolcraft**
\$1,500
- **Tilden Township**
\$1,000
- **Marquette Township**
\$1,000
- **County of Baraga**
\$3,000

PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS

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- **Hannahville Indian Community**
\$20,000
- **Keweenaw Bay Indian Community**
\$20,000
- **Michigan Association of Counties**
\$500
- **Zion Lutheran Church**
\$300
- **Delta Kappa Gamma**
\$800
- **Beta Sigma**
\$100
- **Hannahville Indian Community**
\$12,000
- **Keweenaw Family Resource Center**
\$200

OTHER INCOME

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- **Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives**

\$7,000

- **Aspirius Keweenaw Hospital ***

\$20,000

*To be utilized by UPSET West as Controlled Buy Funds

- **Bureau of Indian Affairs**

\$3,630

- **Drug Enforcement Administration**

\$10,000

- **Restitution**

\$2,160

- **State of Michigan ***

\$10,000

*To be utilized by UPSET East as Controlled Buy Funds

- **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

\$5,000