



News Release

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- **Incident:** Arrest Involving Methamphetamine
- **Date of Incident:** 3/26/11 **Time of Incident:** 1:13 a.m.
- **Location of Incident:** 4800 block of Fort Lewis Church Road
- **Investigating Officer:** A. Newton
- **Victim Name(s):** N/A
- **Victim Age:** N/A
- **Victim Residence Location:** N/A
- **Suspect Name(s):** James Ellis Reiling
- **Suspect Age:** 37
- **Suspect Residence Location:** 4800 block of Fort Lewis Church Road.
- **Charges if Applicable:** 1 Count Manufacture, Sale, & Possession of a Controlled Substance & 3 Counts of Manufacturing Methamphetamine in the Presence of Children. Additional charges are possible.
- **Arrests Information:** The suspect is being held in jail without bond.
- Anyone with information is asked to call
- **Additional Remarks:** On Friday, March 25, 2011, at approximately 11:00 p.m., Roanoke County Police pulled over the driver of a vehicle on West Main Street, near Fort Lewis Baptist Church, on suspicion of DUI. During the traffic stop, police found two baggies with a small amount of a substance that appeared to be methamphetamine. After finding the substance, police arrested 44-year-old Kevin Whitlow of Christiansburg for possession of methamphetamine. Information obtained during the traffic stop led police

to conduct a well-being check at a home in the 4800 block of Fort Lewis Church Road in west Roanoke County. The well-being check occurred shortly after 1:00 a.m. (March 26). At the residence where the well-being check occurred, officers spoke with a 37-year-old James Reiling inside the home. Events at the scene prompted police to return to the home with a search warrant. During the search of the residence, police found an active meth lab and items used to make meth. There were children present in the home and everyone was evacuated. Members of the VA State Police Clandestine Lab Team arrived to assist with the investigation and disposal of chemicals that were on the scene. Social Services was contacted to handle matters related to the care of the children. An adult female was also present at the scene but has not been charged. Additional charges could be filed against Reiling pending the results of lab analysis to be performed by the VA Dept. of Forensic Science. Reiling is being held at the Roanoke County/Salem jail.

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