



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Cramerton Police Arrest Resident for Drug Trafficking**

Cramerton Police arrested Ronald Douglas (R.D.) Helms and charged him with numerous drug violations including trafficking in opium. The 62 year old Cramerton resident had been the center of an ongoing investigation by the department according to Cramerton Police Chief Greg Ratchford.

Helms was arrested last night on the charges after police served a search warrant at his 437 Sixteenth Street, Cramerton home. "Mr. Helms did not want to talk about the charges but was mostly cooperative with the department's team that was serving the search warrant" said Chief Ratchford.

Helms was charged with Trafficking in Opium, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Alprazolam, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Helms was held in the Gaston County Jail on a \$25,000 secured bond. According to Ratchford the investigation is ongoing and additional charges are possible on Helms as well as some of his associates.