



Peru Police Department

Press Release

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On June 10, 2008, 32 year-old Richard A Tolley of Kokomo was arrested by Peru Police Department Drug Task Force after receiving a complaint from a citizen of a strong smell of ammonia coming from the woods that border Indian Lakes Camp Grounds which is located on Business 24 just east of Peru.

Drug Task Force Officers along with Peru Police Department Lieutenant Jay Richardson then met with the citizen who took both officers out on his boat to the area where the smell of ammonia was coming from. Officers were able to locate an area in the woods where there was a very strong odor of anhydrous ammonia along with obvious signs of an active methamphetamine lab.

Once in the woods officers encountered Tolley who fled on foot through the woods and then attempted to row away in his boat. Tolley was then taken into custody after a short pursuit.

Once Tolley was taken into custody, officers requested the assistance of the Indiana State Police Lab Team. In the woods the lab team confirmed the active methamphetamine lab with an active chemical process.

Tolley was charged with Manufacturing of Methamphetamines (Class D Felony) and Possession of Anhydrous Ammonia (Class D Felony). He is currently in the Miami County Jail with a \$50,000 bail.

Assisting with this arrest was the Indiana State Police, Miami County Sheriff Department and Miami County Prosecutor Erik Huneryager.