? On January 6 Charlestown Officers Sgt. Darren Baker and K-9 Officer Adam Clark acted on a tip that a drug transaction had taken place in the 200 block of Halcyon Road, which is located in the Pleasant Ridge Subdivision in Charlestown.

As Officers approached the vehicle they identified the vehicle's occupants as being 25 year old Amy Still and 26 year old Jeremy Hutt, both of Louisville.

K-9 Officer Adam Clark deployed K-9 Awi in an outer exterior sniff of the vehicle which ultimately led to a positive alert to the presence of narcotics. This gave the officers probable cause to search the contents and occupants inside the vehicle where officers located approximately 12 grams of suspected crack cocaine along with nearly $650 in cash.

Both Hutt and Still were arrested for felony drug related charges and were later transported to the Michael L. Becher Adult Corrections Complex for incarceration.

The Charlestown Police Department encourages citizens to continue to report suspected criminal activity in their neighborhoods.

"Now that we're in 2009 we (the department) want Charlestown citizens to know that their tips were a huge success to us in '08," Major Keith McDonald said.

The dept. received numerous tips which led to nearly 200 drug related arrests in 2008.

"That's 81 more drug arrests than in years past" McDonald said. "The statistics didn't stop there, CPD made an additional 188 drunk driving arrests in 2008 which was nearly 60 more drunk driving arrests than in years past. This led to the department. being recognized by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for both the "best in state" and the "best in state for a medium size DUI Taskforce awards," McDonald added..

"This was a first for us (the department) since we started participating in state funded operation pullover grants several years ago," McDonald said. "These numbers were staggering to us when you take into consideration the size of our jurisdiction. We (the department) contribute these statistics to the amount of calls the department received from citizens, the communities participation in the city blockwatch program, and to the proactive enforcement from our officers," McDonald concluded.