



**WINOOSKI POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE FORM**



Officer: David Nease / Jason Nokes	Date: 03-27-07	Time: 1:30 pm
Incident Type: Drugs	Location: 8 ½ Franklin Street Winooski, VT	
Subject Involved: Brian Atkins DOB: 06-20-1957 and Lonnie Atkins DOB: 02-09-1965		
Victim(s) Involved: City of Winooski		
<p>Incident Synopsis: During the fall of 2006 the Winooski and Colchester Police Department began an investigation into the distribution of illicit drugs at 8 ½ Franklin Street within the City of Winooski. This investigation began as a result of numerous citizen and resident complaints to the police department regarding the activity at 8 ½ Franklin Street. The location is a single family home located in and around others. It is owned by an individual who does not reside at the residence and has an agreement with a local housing authority who has assisted in locating tenants for the house. These tenants have resided at the resident for over a year and were the target of this investigation. During this investigation controlled purchase(s) of Oxycotins were made from individuals at the direction of the Atkins. These purchases, along with numerous hours of surveillance, intelligence gathering, informants, and concerned citizens culminated with a search warrant executed at the residence yesterday. Police seized a substantial amount of US Currency, marijuana, cocaine, oxycotin. Police also seized an extraordinary amount of drug paraphernalia to include drug packaging, scales, and drug ledger(s). Detectives arrested Mr. and Mrs. Atkins and transported them to the Winooski Police Department. Once at the police department they were processed and subsequently released pending arraignment on May 14, 2006 to answer to the offenses of Conspiracy to Distribute Regulated Drugs, Possession of Regulated Drugs (oxycotin), Possession of Cocaine, and Possession of Marijuana. Detectives would like to add that further charges as well as arrests are not only expected but pending. Detectives also learned during this investigation that a primary source of the Atkins resides outside of the State of Vermont and delivers both cocaine and oxycotin to them. The dealers were charging customer 80 or 85 dollars per 80 mg pill of Oxycotin. The Winooski Police Department would like to thank the Colchester Police Department, Hinesburg Police Department, and Hartford Police Department for their assistance and especially thank the Winooski community for their concerns and numerous calls regarding the illicit activity at the residence. The Winooski Police Department encourages citizens to contact the department with concerns about illicit activity and any other concern that they may have.</p>		

