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GBI: 398 arrested, large quantities of drugs and cash seized

By The Associated Press

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DECATUR - The Georgia Bureau of Investigation said authorities have arrested 398 people in the state and seized large quantities of drugs and cash during a one-day nationwide crackdown on illegal drug sales.

Georgia was one of up to 40 other states participating in "Operation Byrne Blitz," recognizing the federally funded Byrne Justice Assistance Grants in the day-to-day operations of drug enforcement, the agency said Thursday.

In addition to the arrests through 44 search warrants, authorities seized currency totaling almost \$1.2 million; 188 pounds of cocaine; 197 grams of crack cocaine; 63.5 pounds of marijuana; 236 grams of methamphetamine; 364 grams of ice methamphetamine; 2.08 grams of heroin; 498 illegal prescription pills and 43 guns, the GBI said.

A boat, 35 vehicles, a home, seven acres of land and five fighting dogs also were confiscated.



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