

CRIME

Feds find steroid distribution operation next to Milledgeville bar, two men charged

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Two men living next to a bar in Milledgeville face drug trafficking charges after federal agents came there Tuesday to execute search warrants in an unrelated matter.

Crime scene tape surrounded the college town locations Tuesday morning as [FBI and IRS agents swarmed in](#) on Capital City bar and Chops, the restaurant below it.

Federal authorities were tight-lipped about what specifically they were searching for, but [Ocmulgee Drug Task Force](#) Commander Wesley Nunn said an unexpected discovery was made that prompted his agency to join the search.

There in the basement of the building at 117 South Wayne Street, where 33-year-old James Eric Scarborough lived, agents discovered an apparent global drug distribution operation, Nunn said.

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There were “numerous bottles of liquid” steroids or synthetic steroids, Nunn said.



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Scarborough “had an operation down there where he was putting labels on these bottles and packing it up and sending it out through the U.S. mail throughout the United States and out of the country,” Nunn said. “The bottles had dates on them and numbers and everything. It looks like it came from a legitimate pharmacy or something.”

Upstairs from the bar, in 35-year-old Paul Michael Creech’s apartment, investigators discovered a variety of steroid pills.

“He had them bagged up, different colors and different color bags for what they were,” Nunn said of Creech.

Authorities loaded boxes of evidence including vials, labels, packing material, paperwork and computers into black SUVs.

Scarborough and Creech were arrested Wednesday and booked in the Baldwin County jail about 5:15 p.m., records show.



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Creech faces 11 drug distribution charges and Scarborough faces three.

One of the two worked for Capital City, tending bar occasionally, Nunn said.

Both men remained in jail Thursday night without bond.

Capital City bar put a post on it's Facebook on Thursday night to make clear the drugs weren't found inside the bar.

"The two men who were arrested, rent apartments located in the same building as Capital City. ... We can't control what happens in the privacy of someone's own home," the post read. "To our customers and friends ... We thank you for all of your kind calls, texts, and support over the last few days. We look forward to seeing you all this weekend and in the future."

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The FBI/IRS, with help from other agencies, conducted a search warrant concerning an ongoing investigation. Because of the ongoing investigation, we can not and will not release what little details we know. We are cooperating fully with the agencies involved.

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Though it's a separate case, Nunn said there will be some federal involvement.

"Because of the volume and where the stuff was being mailed to throughout the country and where it might be coming from, I've contacted the Drug Enforcement Administration in Macon to come and board and help me look at this case because of the ramifications from outside of my jurisdiction," Nunn said.

Other busts in the ongoing investigations by the FBI and IRS were made at bars in other cities across the state Tuesday.

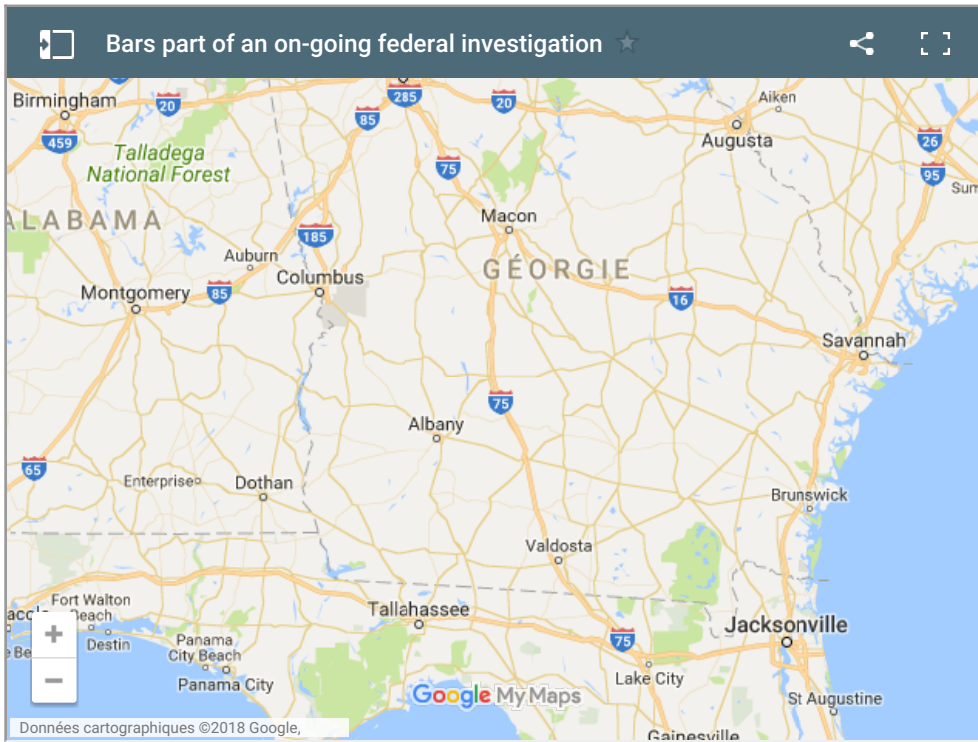
[Three bars in Remington](#), BlueWater Saloon, Milltown Groove and Sand Bar (formerly Flip Flops), also were raided, the Valdosta Daily Times reported.

In Tifton, [The Gin bar was raided](#), The Tifton Gazette reported.

[Dillinger's bar](#) in downtown Americus also was raided, the Americus Times-Recorder reported.

Meanwhile, in Statesboro, FBI and IRS agents [seized documents](#) from a former City Councilman Will Britt's home.

Britt owns The Gin, the Tifton Gazette reported. His brother, Trey Britt, owns Capitol City bar and Chops restaurant.



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Reason I find this article interesting, is because I live down the street from ex city councilman Britt! The day they searched his home it was big news. Guess I find this article interesting because It was attached to article I was reading. The ironic connection even if unintentional he and his brothers own misdoings led to a big drug bust, funny how busy they kept everyone over weeks time

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Drug dealing thugs! Throw the book at them! I bet the proceeds somehow make it to terrorist groups in the middle East and even some here in the US. Gotta crack all the way down if you wanna make America great again, even though I've heard it's been way worse in the past but whatever!

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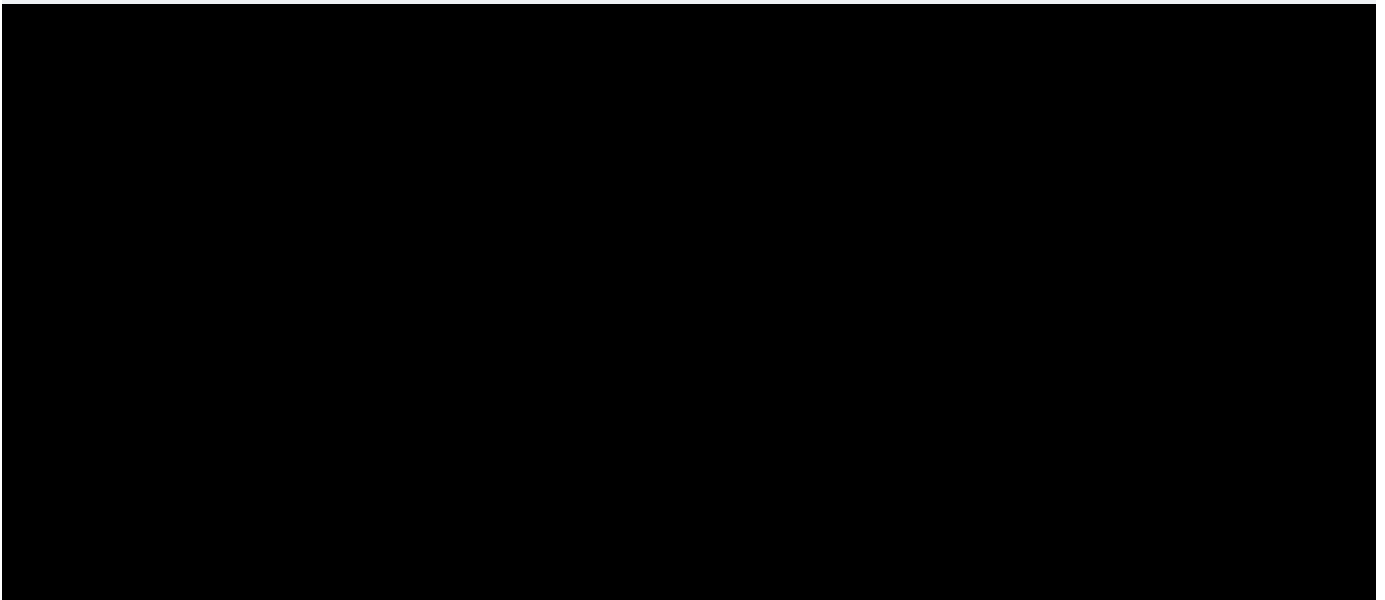
Ok hang on here. Not to defend the steroid dealers, but the warrants were for the BAR. How did those warrants extend to private residences in the same building?

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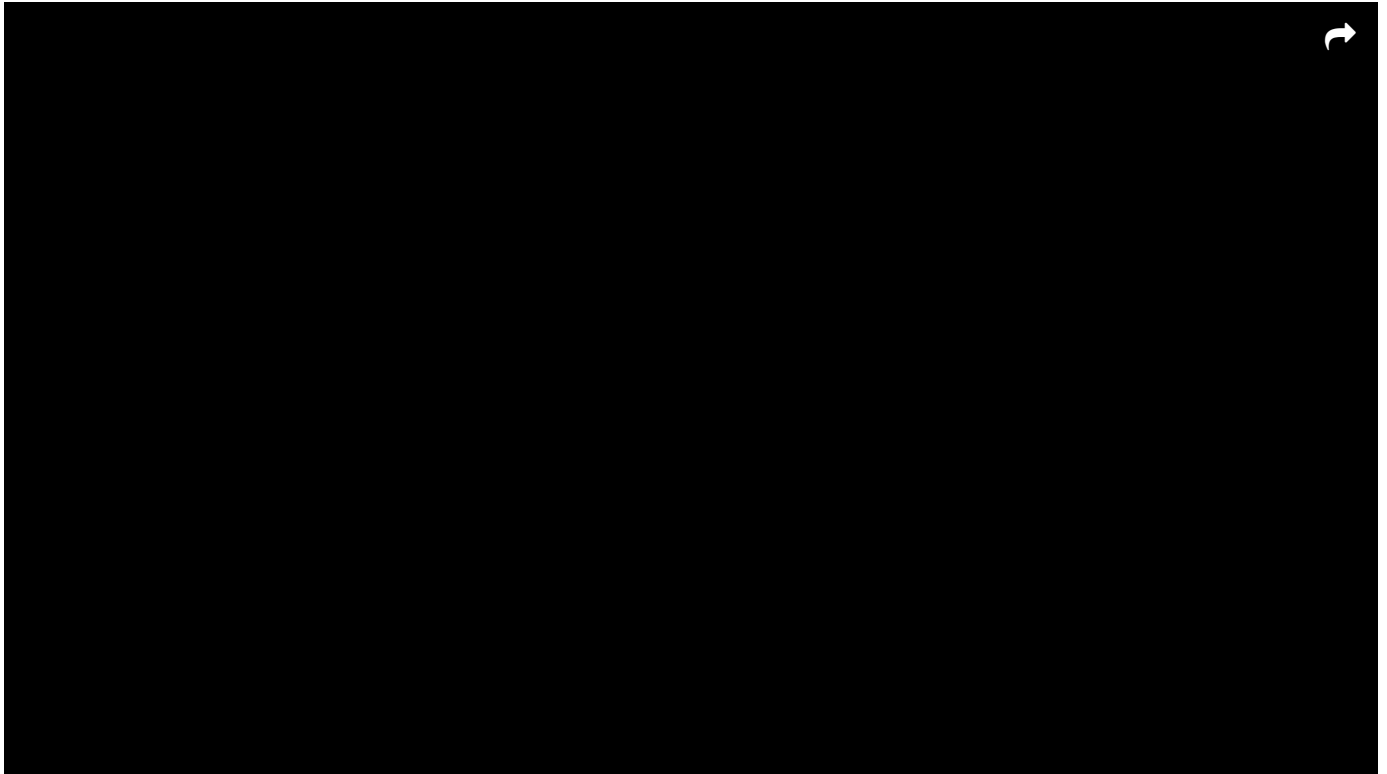
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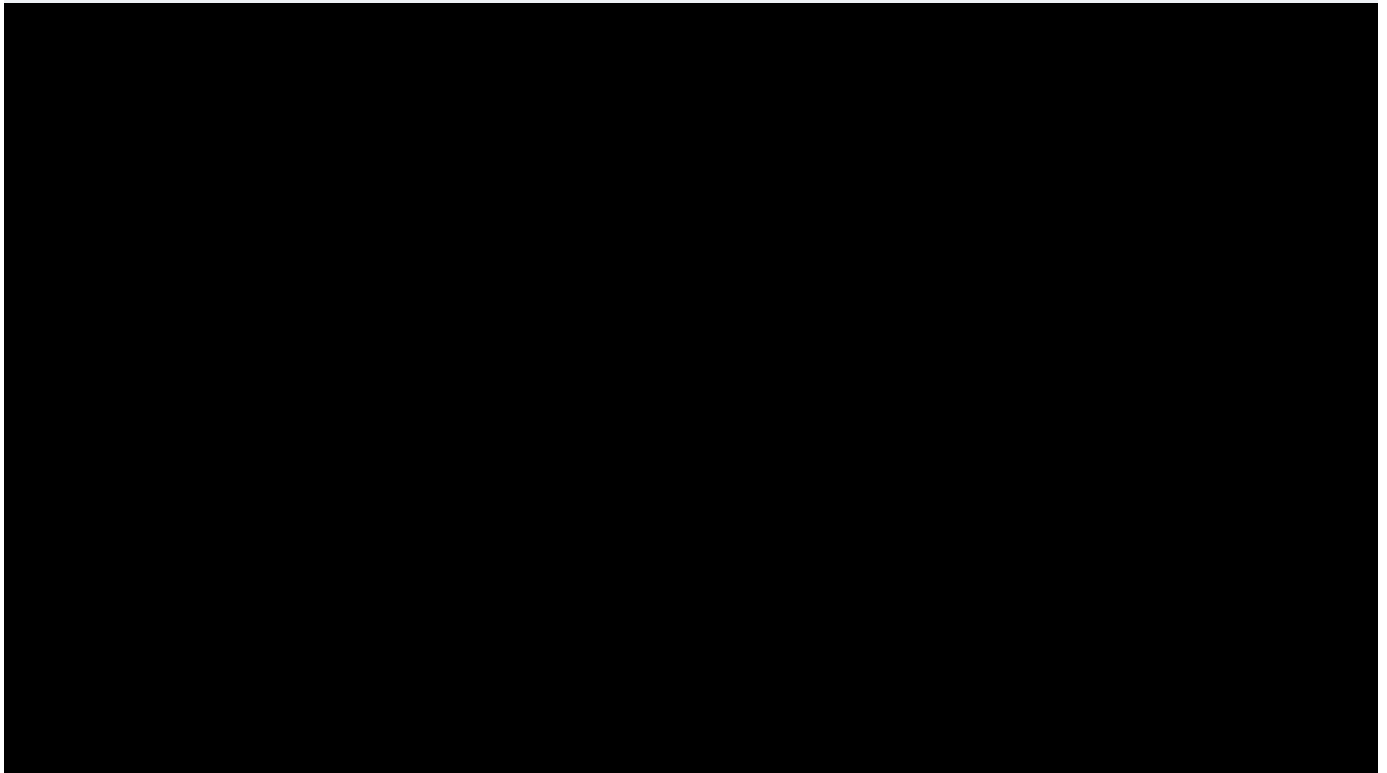
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