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Press Release

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Philmont, NY – Columbia County Sheriff David W. Harrison, Jr. reports the arrest of 26 year old Lisa Perez of 23 Main Street Philmont, NY, Justin VanAlstyne 25 years old of Little Lake Road, Valatie, NY, and 30 year old Heather Shook of Main Street Philmont, NY, on Sunday June 24, 2102 at 1:11pm.

The arrests are the result of an investigation by the Sheriff's Office Drug Education and Enforcement Unit, the Columbia County District Attorney's Office, the Capital District Drug Task Force and the US Drug Enforcement Agency Albany Office. The Sheriff's Office Special Operations S.W.A.T. team, uniformed Deputy Sheriff's and Investigators executed a search warrant issued by County Court Judge Richard Koweek, at 23 Main St where approximately 90 Grams of Cocaine and \$2,600 cash was seized. Perez was charged with 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree including one count for possession with the intent to sell, Class B-Felonies.

VanAlstyne was charged with 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree including one count for possession with the intent to sell, Class B Felonies.

Shook was charged with 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree including one count for possession with the intent to sell and 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree Class A Misdemeanors.

All three were arraigned in the Livingston Town Court by the Honorable Judge Robert Q. Moore, and remanded to the Columbia County Jail without bail to return to town court at a later date.

The investigation is continuing and additional charges and arrests are possible. Sheriff Harrison said, "the Columbia County Sheriff's Office along with DA Paul Czajka's Office and our local, state and federal law enforcement partners will continue to work together using whatever resources needed to stop drug trafficking in Columbia County."