

## Traffic stop leads to drugs and stolen vehicle recovery

On October 12th, 2017 in the 1300 block of Kinsey Road in Lake Park, Georgia, Echols County Sheriff's Office responded to a call of a suspicious person in the area knocking on doors asking for gasoline around the hours of 10:30 PM. Upon arrival, Corporal Anderson came in contact with the vehicle, a blue in color Nissan pickup truck, as that was the vehicle described to law enforcement as suspicious. Anderson made contact with the driver who matched the description of the person reported as suspicious, 23 year old Christian Lopez from Dover, Florida. While speaking with Lopez, he asked to exit the vehicle. Upon doing so, Anderson noticed a glass pipe stuck in the waistband of his pants. At this time, Lopez was placed under arrest for Possession of drug related objects and Anderson removed the glass pipe from the waistband of Lopez pants and took it into evidence. Lopez stated to Anderson that he used the pipe to smoke methamphetamine. Upon Anderson searching Lopez person, another glass pipe was located in the right front pocket of Lopez pants. Lopez was placed in the back of Anderson's patrol vehicle and Anderson returned to the vehicle that Lopez was driving to check its' status. Upon checking the vehicle tag through E-911, it returned that the vehicle Lopez was driving was reported stolen from Plant City, Florida. Anderson searched the vehicle and located a small clear plastic bag with methamphetamine inside and it was taken into evidence along with the glass pipes that were found and the vehicle was towed until the investigation was closed and the owner could pick it up. Lopez was asked his name, E-911 returned with Lopez license being suspended through Florida. Lopez was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug related objects, theft by receiving stolen property, and driving on suspended license. Lopez was then transported to the Lowndes County Jail and booked for Echols County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Courson stated this is a perfect example of the community working with the sheriff's office in an effort to make our streets safe and eradicate drugs from our community.