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## Genesee County Sheriff's Posse arrests seven on suspicion of drugs in Flint

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**FLINT, Michigan** — The Genesee County Sheriff's Posse arrested seven people Monday night on suspicion of drug offenses.

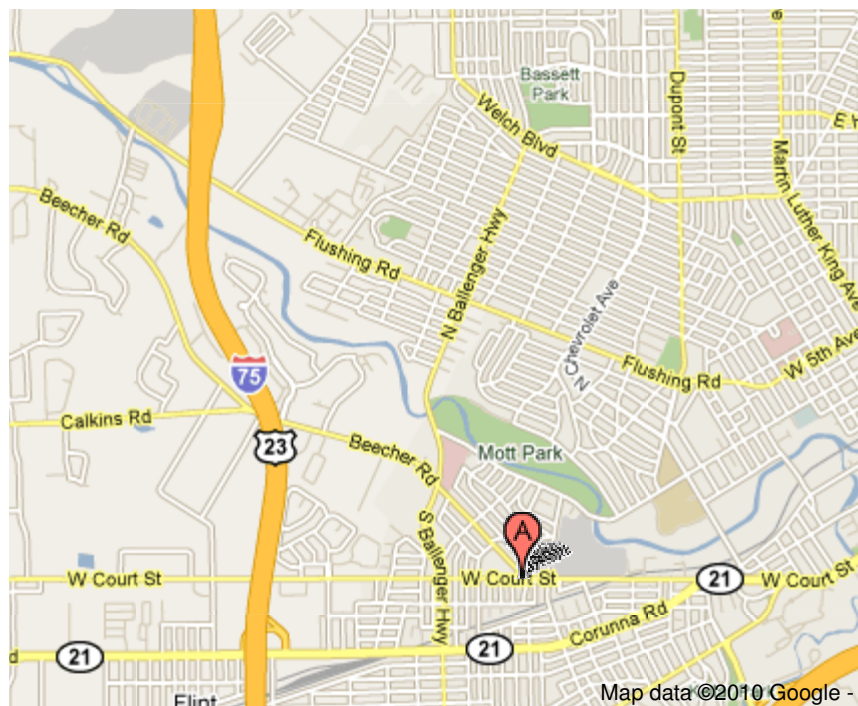
Sheriff Robert Pickell said the investigation into two homes in the area of Beecher Road and Court Street began in March after the narcotics division received numerous complaints about possible drug dealing and illegal gambling from neighbors.

"The truth of the matter is these neighborhood watch groups are very, very important because they become the eyes and ears of the community," said Pickell.

The Posse, which is a joint effort with the Flint Police Department, observed several of the seven suspects allegedly possessing drugs and making drug deals leading up to the arrests on Monday, said Pickell. In one instance a man possessed a Cheetos bag containing crack cocaine.

Pickell said the Posse obtained a search warrant Monday and arrested the seven people in two homes, one near Beecher and Court and the other on Mann Avenue off of Beecher Road. Two were also arrested on suspicion of assaulting a police officer.

The Posse recovered a long rifle in one of the homes as well as cocaine and marijuana, said Pickell. Warrants will be sought for the suspects.



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