



# Office of the Sheriff

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## Joint investigation leads to arrest, seizure of cocaine

**GRANVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:** On Feb. 17, 2021, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Group, along with members of the Granville County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division, Apex Police Department and the NC State Bureau of Investigation, arrested Christopher Maurice Harris of 151 Hummingbird Way in Franklinton.

A total of 208 grams of cocaine, with an estimated street value \$20,800, was seized as a result of this arrest and investigation, which began as a coordinated effort between several agencies. After receiving complaints that Harris was involved in distributing cocaine in Franklin, Granville and Wake County, detectives were able to validate the information provided and opened a joint investigation. The investigation led to multiple purchases of cocaine from Harris, as well as 113 grams being in Harris' possession during the traffic stop and arrest.

"We are grateful that our partnerships with other local and state agencies continues to be productive," stated Franklin County Sheriff Kent Winstead. "Even though this type of drug activity occurs across jurisdictional boundaries, it poses the same threat to all of our citizens. This arrest and the removal of this amount of illegal drugs has made all of our communities safer."

Harris, age 38, was placed in the Franklin County Detention Center under a \$400,000 secured bond.

Granville County charges include trafficking in cocaine (eight counts), possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine (two counts), the sale and delivery of cocaine (two counts), and maintaining a vehicle for the purpose of selling a controlled substance (two counts).

Franklin County charges include trafficking in cocaine (two counts) and maintaining a vehicle for the purpose of selling a controlled substance.

For more information concerning this investigation, or to report drug activity in your neighborhood, please contact Lt. Jonathan Collier at (252) 204-1822.

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*The Granville County Sheriff's Office is now open in their new location at 525 New Commerce Drive in Oxford, in the newly-constructed Law Enforcement Center. For any questions or for more information, their phone number remains the same at 919-693-3213, or you can send emails to [granville.sheriff@granvillecounty.org](mailto:granville.sheriff@granvillecounty.org).*