Meth Investigations on the Rise

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Nine grams of methamphetamine is now in police custody. On Wednesday morning officers from the Kodiak Police Department served a search warrant at a private residence on Selief Lane for evidence of drug dealing. Police Chief T.C. Kamai said the search resulted in the discovery of the meth.

“...Approximately 9 grams of methamphetamine, digital scales and packaging materials. And the officers arrested one subject, the occupant,” Kamai said.

“We’ve executed search warrants where we’ve seized just trace amounts of drugs, methamphetamine included, and then we’ve served search warrants where we’ve seized multiple ounces of methamphetamine. Nine grams is not a substantial seizure, but it is a fairly significant seizure we think. Definitely the quantities tend to support our investigative theory that the subject was engaged in drug distribution and not simple possession and individual use.”

Drug-related investigations are on the rise in Kodiak. Kamai said there were 121 drug investigations in 2010. In 2012 that number jumped up to 165. This most recent investigation only adds to the growing number for 2013.

“I think we can conclude that we’re still trending upwards. I think we’re definitely been encountering methamphetamine more frequently. And I know I sound like a broken record, but it certainly is there. We hear about it, we see it, we find it, and I fear that this trend is going to continue in the future.”

As always, Kamai encouraged anyone with information about illegal drug use or sales to contact the Kodiak Police Department.