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That led to 32 additional arrests by Lt. Deyton and Detective Tyler Miller, as detectives got to the source of a potent blend of marijuana.

How potent?

Detectives could smell the marijuana as they got within 50 feet of the home.

"The smell was so strong, I don't know how anyone could stand to live inside the home," Chief Deputy George said.

Teresa Renee Hall was sentenced late last month to 10 years in state prison, to serve 3 years for distribution of a Schedule II narcotic, Chief Deputy George said.

Darryl Hall faces



Approximately 162 marijuana plants were seized during a bust of a grow house operation. Forty-two pounds of processed marijuana was also found by detectives.

charges of probation violation, possession of a controlled substance, and trafficking marijuana.

Cassie Hall faces

charges of possession of a controlled substance, and trafficking marijuana.

Uriah Hall faces charges of possession of a

controlled substance, and trafficking marijuana.

All three are being held in the Union County Jail, jail records show.

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to save Yebba's life after all three were put on the spot on the morning of Wednesday, May 29th on Georgia 515.

Schmidt was headed west on his motorcycle, Passmore was driving east in his work truck. That's when Yebba entered their lives and put them to a test.

Yebba was driving east toward Blairsville, he was in the slow lane, but his black PT Cruiser was dead even with Passmore's vehicle, which was right beside Yebba. Suddenly, Yebba's Cruiser bolted, it cut in front of Passmore's work truck, and traveled across in front of the truck into the turning lane.

The Cruiser then traveled across the median, off the north shoulder of the roadway, struck a DOT sign, ran out of roadway, went airborne, traveled through the air, over the embankment overlooking Nottely River, struck several trees, and came to a final rest in the swift, murky waters.

Yebba's Cruiser missed



Tony Schmidt

Schmidt's motorcycle by 100 feet.

As Schmidt watched the accident unfold before his eyes and then in his rearview mirror, he had a decision to make. He turned his motorcycle around, and went back to check on the man in the vehicle that almost took him out.

Passmore had a more scary encounter with the Cruiser. Yebba's car was in the slow lane, both were doing about 70 mph and then the Cruiser cut him off, bolting right in front of him, he said.

"He timed the turning lane just right," Passmore said, referring to Yebba's route that cut his work truck off. "I was more than a little upset at being cutoff. I was watching him in my rearview window, and wow, he just kept going across 515. He ran out of road and went airborne."

Passmore turned his vehicle around, knowing the Cruiser was going into the river.

After Schmidt turned around and arrived at the accident scene, Passmore was running down the embankment, stripping out of his clothes along the way. Yebba's Cruiser was in the middle of the swelled river waters. It was floating and sinking at the same time.

Schmidt followed, going through the exact same routine as Passmore. They stood on the embankment, waiting for Yebba to crawl out of the vehicle – he didn't. The car began to make popping sounds and sank 12 feet to the bottom of the river.

Schmidt and Passmore looked at each other, they went in the cold, murky waters, without fear.

"It was like we had been working together forever," Passmore said. "We didn't have to communicate out loud to understand what we were doing."

Working in tandem, the two men found the Cruiser, and together, they forced the rear hatch of the vehicle open.

Once open, everything you could think of came rushing out of the Cruiser. The two men dodged multiple items floating out of the vehicle.

"It scared the woo out of us," Schmidt said.

Schmidt went into the Cruiser and began feeling his way to Yebba. At first, he thought he had found the man. No such luck, it was a motorcycle helmet. In between returns to the surface for air, Schmidt's luck changed.

He went back down, felt the top of Yebba's head and knew what he had to do. Yebba wasn't wearing a seat belt; Schmidt tugged on Yebba's T-shirt. About the fourth tug, Yebba's body broke free and began to rise to the surface.

Schmidt guided Yebba to the top of the water, Passmore, still in the water, helped bring him ashore. The paramedics were making their way down the embankment. By the time they reached the shoreline, Yebba was on his back and Schmidt and Passmore were working to revive him.

What seemed like an hour in Yebba's rescue, only took three minutes. Yebba was soon in the safe hands of Union County Fire & Rescue.



Brannon Passmore

"It was totally surreal," Passmore said.

Certified divers of Union County Fire & Rescue, Andrew Burnette, Patrick Schmidt, and yes, Dustin Lee, went in the water to make sure no one was with Yebba. It turns out, he was alone, Lt. Fortenberry said.

Passmore said the biggest thanks he could get came from Yebba's father.

"I'm sure he called Tony Schmidt too, but he called to tell me how grateful he was that I helped save his son's life," Passmore said. "I told him thank you. I would have done it for anyone in trouble."

For Schmidt, who is a U.S. Navy veteran, this is the second life he's helped save.

"A pilot crashed and I ran out and helped pull him from the burning jet," Schmidt said. "I'm just glad I've been in the right place, at the right time, two times in my life."

Lavonne and Larry Bennett are glad Dustin Lee was in the right place at the right time.

Lee was on his way home when a call was dispatched regarding a garage fire



Dustin Lee

at the Bennetts' home. Lee, who lives a short distance from the Bennetts' home, was right on top of the situation when the call came out.

Without aid of firefighter turnout gear, he went inside the burning home and rescued Lavonne and Larry Bennett. Larry Bennett is unable to walk without the aid of a walker.

The home was a total loss, but the Bennetts are safe and sound thanks to Lee.

Lee shrugs when he's called a hero for saving the lives of elderly couple from their burning home on Ivy Log Creek Lane.

"I did what any Union County firefighter or public servant would have done," he said. "The Good Lord put me in the right place at the right time. I utilized my firefighter training and my instincts just kicked in."

"Am I a hero? Maybe to Larry and Lavonne Bennett, but, I was just doing what I'm trained to do," he said. "I'm proud I was there to help. I'm proud Larry and Lavonne Bennett are okay."