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The **FBI** executed a series of search warrants in Macomb and St. Clair counties in connection with a drug trafficking investigation related to the Devils Disciples **motorcycle club** , according to records filed this week in U.S. District Court in **Detroit** .

A large number of items were seized in the **raids** , which began at homes of suspected members in Macomb Township, Mount Clemens, Marine City and Algonac on Sept. 23 and continued with a **raid** in Chesterfield Township on Oct. 30, court records filed late Monday show. But no arrests were reported.

The latest **raids** show the **FBI** has active criminal investigations into two major **motorcycle clubs** , the Devils Disciples and the Highwaymen, while the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is investigating a third Michigan **motorcycle club** , the Outlaws.

FBI Special Agent Sandra Berchtold, a spokeswoman for the agency in **Detroit** , would not comment Tuesday on the **raids** , which were conducted out of the **FBI** 's Macomb County offices. The **FBI** affidavits for the search warrants, which typically detail the evidence the **FBI** used to get a federal judge to approve the search warrants, remain sealed, Berchtold said.

A spokesman for the Devils Disciples could not be reached for comment.

Search warrant records show the **FBI** was searching for records and materials related to "sales of controlled substances."

Agents seized a variety of pills, **club** rings, T-shirts, hats and patches, cell phones, photographs, miscellaneous documents, slot machines, knives, switchblades, computers and a shotgun, records show. A large number of Highwaymen and Outlaws have been indicted in federal court on a variety of drug trafficking and related charges and are awaiting trial.

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