

The illegal drug trade in La Crosse has taken a bit of a beating recently. Cops have taken three suspected substantial drug dealers off the streets in just the last few weeks. All were guys that cops had watched for some time, says police chief Ron Tischer. But that's how you have to play it sometimes, especially when they're big time dealers

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Walter Blackman, Eugene Shields and Faron March face various charges. Blackman in federal court. Tischer says their absence has meant a dent in the pipeline of drugs into the community.