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Xanax is used for the treatment of panic disorders, according to the Pfizer Web site. Pfizer is the maker of Xanax.

He said the house and its occupants have been the subject of the joint investigation with the Butler County Undercover Regional Narcotics Task Force for the past few months.

Burke said four to five years ago, agents purchased Xanax pills from occupants at the same house.



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However, the owners of the house at the time were not involved in the production of the Xanax pills, which were manufactured in Mexico.

He said “the house has been on our radar for the past few years,” and the occupant’s names are not new to the task force.

Several people at the house, including the property owner, were detained as agents searched the house for manufacturing material and product.

He said the pills were being

distributed throughout southwest Ohio.

Burke said no arrests were going to be made Monday but added that charges were forthcoming as the investigation is continuing.

He said there could be possible indictments in the next few weeks, depending on when the case is brought before a Warren County grand jury and what else is found during the search.

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