

SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT 155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE



Incident

<u>DATE/TIME</u>: January 9, 2016 <u>LOCATION</u>: 2600 block of Mission St.

<u>TOPIC</u>: Wanted Felon and Narcotics Arrest <u>CASE NUMBER</u>: 16S-00233

INFORMATION:

Drug Bust takes ¾ lbs. of Crystal Meth valued at \$27,000 off Santa Cruz Streets

On Saturday 1/9/16, SCPD Officers and Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET) arrested a high-risk wanted felon and his associate. Both were suspected of transporting and selling large quantities of narcotics in the city of Santa Cruz.

SCPD Officers working with NET located and arrested Adrian Puga, 32 from Watsonville and his girlfriend Selene Bazarnick, 33, from Santa Cruz at a storage locker on Mission St. Extension.

SCPD Officers and SCPD K-9 Unit conducted a search of the storage unit and cars associated with Adrian Puga and Selene Bazarnick. During the search, approximately ¾ of a pound of suspected crystal methamphetamine was located in the storage locker and vehicles.

The amount of crystal methamphetamine broken down into grams will produce approximately 340.19 grams. It has a street value of over \$27,000. Additionally, \$1,000 in cash of suspected narcotics profit was found during the search.

Adrian Puga was taken into custody for an outstanding felony warrant for failing to comply with the terms of his Post Release Community Supervision (AB109) and various narcotics related charges. Selene Bazarnick was taken into custody for possession of suspected methamphetamine and a small quantity of heroin. She was also charged with violating the terms of her probation.

The Santa Cruz Police Neighborhood Enforcement Team is specialized unit. NET works as a team to focus on mid to long-term issues often times associated with gangs, drugs and other chronic problems throughout the City of Santa Cruz.

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Adrian Puga



Selene Bazarnick

