

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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: March 23, 2017

LOCATION: 2300 Block of Portola Dr. Santa Cruz

TOPIC: Update Suspect Arrested in Search Warrant - Drugs & Firearm Seized

CASE NUMBER: 17S-02193

INFORMATION:

UPDATE:

Guillermo Garcia, 42 years old from Santa Cruz, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine for sale and possession of high-capacity magazines. Mr. Garcia took responsibility for the drugs, Glock handgun and high-capacity ammunition recovered. The second individual detained with Mr. Garcia was released.

BACKGROUND:

Today, March 23rd, 2017, at about 4:25 am, officers with the Santa Cruz Police Department's Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET) and the Santa Cruz County Gang Task Force (GTF) served a search warrant at an apartment in the 2300 block of Portola Drive. The search warrant stemmed from a narcotic investigation that was conducted by SCPD NET. The SCPD NET team investigated reported drug sales that occurred in the city of Santa Cruz.

Officers located over a pound and a half of methamphetamine in the apartment. Officers also recovered a Glock handgun with several high capacity magazines during the search.

Officers have left the scene but are still processing evidence and following up on the investigation. SCPD detained two individuals. At this time their names withheld while officers process evidence to determine their involvement in the case.

Attached photograph of Guillermo Garcia, the methamphetamine and firearm seized.

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Photo Guillermo Garcia

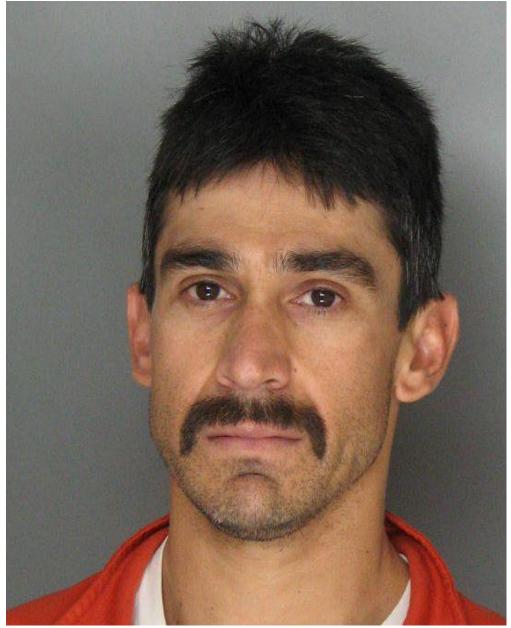


Photo Drugs and Firearm Seized

