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Subject: EPD Search Warrant Nets Meth, Assault Rifles, 3 Arrests

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Updated information on the last press release:



The Humboldt County Correctional Facility has confirmed Carlos Eduardo Mangual Colon is a false name. This suspect's true identity was determined via fingerprint records from a prior arrest to be **Alfredo Gutierrez Munos** (age 30 of Michoacan, Mexico).

Mario Ruiz Arias' true identity was determined to be **Mario Arias Ruiz** (same age, different date of birth).



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Samuel Gonzalez Vasquez' true identity was determined to be **Joaquin Gonzalez Vasquez**. Both Ruiz and Vasquez have previously been deported from the U.S. Additionally, Vasquez has a prior arrest for smuggling drugs into the jail.

A records check of the seized firearms revealed no registration/ownership information.

On Thursday, 1/13/11, at about 2:00 PM, Officers with the Eureka Police Department's Crime Suppression (CSU) and Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) Units served a search warrant for suspected methamphetamine sales at an apartment on the 1000 block of Cousins Street, Eureka (CSU is a Patrol-based, part-time ancillary branch of the POP Unit). The warrant was the result of neighbor complaints and informant information about suspected drug sales from the residence.

As officers approached the apartment building, they observed one of the suspects arriving in a maroon Ford F-150 pick-up truck. The driver, Carlos Eduardo Mangual Colon (27), was detained in the parking lot. Upon entering the apartment, officers located and detained two more suspects, Samuel Gonzalez Vasquez (47) and Mario Ruiz Arias (36).

During a subsequent search of the two-bedroom apartment, officers located assault weapons, ammunition, methamphetamine and marijuana possessed for sale. Officers seized the following items of evidence among others:

- Loaded 9mm Browning semi-automatic handgun.
- Loaded .25 caliber Raven Arms semi-automatic pistol.
- Norinco Mak-90 semi-automatic assault rifle (7.62x39mm) with two loaded high capacity magazines. (Similar to an AK-47).
- Eagle Arms/Armalite M15A2 semi-automatic assault rifle (.223/5.56mm) with three high capacity 30-round magazines.
- Savage Fox double-barrel side-by-side 20 gauge shotgun.
- Remington 34 bolt-action .22 caliber rifle.
- 14 boxes of 7.62x39mm ammunition (280 rounds) for the Mak-90 assault rifle.
- 2 boxes of .223 ammunition (40 rounds) for the M15A2 assault rifle.
- Additional boxes of ammunition for the shotgun, .25 auto pistol, .22 rifle, and 9mm pistol.
- 4 digital gram/ounce scales (for weighing out controlled substances for sale).
- Drug packaging materials (numerous baggies).
- 54 grams net weight (nearly 2 ounces) of methamphetamine.
- 35 pounds of processed marijuana packaged for sale in 43 individual bags.

All three suspects were arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where they were booked for possession of methamphetamine for sale, possession of marijuana for sale, unlawful possession of an assault weapon, and conspiracy to distribute controlled substances.

Anyone with information concerning suspected drug sales activity occurring in Eureka is encouraged to call the Problem Oriented Policing Unit at (707) 441-4373.



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