



HUMBOLDT COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

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On July 25, 2017 at about 10:00 A.M. Special Agents served a search warrant on an apartment located in the 2400 block of Newberg Road in Fortuna. They were assisted by two narcotics detection K-9's. One from the Sheriff's Office and one from the District Attorney's Office.

On scene, Agents located the target of their investigation, 24 year old Joaquin Verdugo-Martinez. In addition they located Joaquin's live in girlfriend, her 3 year old son and Joaquin's mother. Based on the month long investigation and evidence located on scene, Joaquin's mother and live in girlfriend are not believed to be involved in the distribution of narcotics.

Inside the apartment Agents located approximately 1 pound of suspected heroin, three pounds of suspected methamphetamine, approximately 1 pound of suspected concentrated cannabis, two loaded firearms, digital scale, and packaging material.

Joaquin was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of a narcotic for sale, possession of a firearm while in possession of a narcotic and child endangerment.

Anyone with information related to this investigation or other narcotics related crimes are encouraged to call the Humboldt County Drug Task Force at 707-444-8095 or the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Tip Line at 707-268-2539.

Lieutenant Bryan Quenell
Humboldt County Drug Task Force Commander

Booking photo below



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