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INFORMATION RELEASE

Traffic Stop Produces Narcotics, a Gun and Two Search Warrants.

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Solano County Sheriff's Office

On May 25, 2010 at approximately 1215 hrs. Solano County Sheriff's Deputies observed a Dodge pick up truck travelling westbound on Interstate 80 in Dixon. A Sheriff's Deputy observed the truck make an unsafe lane change and was following behind another vehicle too close. Deputies stopped the truck and contacted the driver, Rene Munoz, a 22-year-old Sacramento resident who was in the truck alone. Munoz could not produce proper identification to the deputies and started reaching around inside the truck suspiciously triggering the deputies to question the safety of Munoz's movements. The deputies had Munoz get out of the vehicle and conducted a search for weapons. During the search of Munoz, deputies recovered a loaded .45 caliber handgun in Munoz's waistband. Deputies placed Munoz under arrest and searched the truck. During the search of the truck, deputies located over 5 pounds of methamphetamine inside the passenger compartment with an estimated street value of \$75,000 dollars.

Due to the large quantity, the patrol deputies called out Solano County Sheriff's Detectives from Cal-MMET (California Multi-Jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team) and Sol-NET (Solano County Narcotics Enforcement Team) to turn the case over to them. After conducting their investigation, Detectives wrote a search warrant for two residences associated with Munoz. One residence was on the 900 block of Anna Street in West Sacramento and the other residence was on the 5600 block of 59th Street in Sacramento.

Cal-MMET and Sol-NET with the assistance of Yo-NET (Yolo County Narcotics Enforcement Team) and the Sacramento Police Department, executed the search warrants at the residences. Detectives located evidence items that would support Munoz was involved in the illicit sales of methamphetamine. Detectives determined Munoz to be an upper-level methamphetamine dealer and due to Munoz being armed while possessing the large amount of methamphetamine detectives obtained a bail enhancement for Munoz of \$250,000. Detectives estimate the street value of the methamphetamine to be \$75,000. Munoz was booked in the Solano County Jail for possession of a controlled substance for sale, transportation of a controlled substance, committing a felony while already out on bail, and being armed while possessing a controlled substance. Munoz will have to post bail in open court and prove the money used for bail is from a legitimate source. Arraignment is schedule for Thursday May 27.

Anyone with information regarding suspicious narcotics activity can call into the tip line and remain anonymous if desired. The tip line is (707) 784-1351.

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