



Arroyo Grande Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE

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K9 NARCOTICS SEIZURE

On July 5, 2010, at about 1:00 AM, Arroyo Grande Police Department officers responded to a residence in the 300 block of Pecan Place regarding a verbal argument between a male and female. When the officers arrived at the residence, they contacted the female who told them that she had been arguing with her boyfriend who had locked himself in a bedroom.

The officers ordered the boyfriend, subsequently identified as William Smyer, a 60-year-old resident of Arroyo Grande, to come out of the locked bedroom and he complied without incident. The officers confirmed that the dispute between Smyer and the female was only verbal, with no physical altercation. At the same time, as the officers were conversing with Smyer, they discovered and seized narcotics paraphernalia that they were able to connect with him. In addition, Smyer admitted that he was on active parole for sales of narcotics.

As the investigation inside the residence continued, the officers recovered additional narcotics paraphernalia and 2.9 grams of a substance that appeared to be methamphetamine that was also connected to Smyer. Arroyo Grande Police Department K9 handler Officer Shane Day and his partner, K9 "Gregor," then conducted a parole search of the entire residence that ultimately resulted in the recovery of an additional 21.3 grams of a substance that appeared to be methamphetamine, 22.5 grams of marijuana, more narcotics paraphernalia and a digital scale commonly associated with the sale of narcotics. In all, 24.2 grams of a substance that appeared to be methamphetamine were seized from the residence.

Smyer was subsequently arrested and booked at the San Luis Obispo County Jail for possession of narcotics, possession of narcotics for sale, possession of narcotics paraphernalia and a parole violation.

K9 handler Officer Shane Day and his K9 partner "Gregor" recently completed an intensive one-month training course in narcotics detection. K9 "Gregor" and Officer Day also completed a separate one-month training course on protection, tracking and detection. In addition, the Department has another K9 handler team consisting of Officer Zak Ayala and his K9 partner "Jusuf" who have already completed the same narcotics detection training and are currently involved in training on protection, tracking and detection. Both K9 teams were completely

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funded by donations from individuals and businesses in the Arroyo Grande community. With two K9 handler teams the Arroyo Grande Police Department is able to provide K9 coverage throughout the entire week.

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