



TRIDENT

Two Rivers Drug Enforcement Team

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PRESS RELEASE

Beginning in October of 2015 through August of 2017, members of the Two Rivers Drug Enforcement Team, along with members of the Drug Enforcement Administration and with the help of members of several local law enforcement agencies, conducted several drug investigations after receiving information that several individuals were selling methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin in and around Garfield County, Colorado.

As a result of the investigations, 15 individuals were taken into custody, 13 males and 2 females. Officers seized 330.6 grams of cocaine, 6200 grams of methamphetamine, 7 grams of heroin, three long guns and \$21,196 in cash. Charges for the individuals include but are not limited to Conspiracy to distribute more than 500 grams of methamphetamine, Distribution of methamphetamine, Possession with Intent to distribute methamphetamine, Possession with Intent to distribute cocaine, Possession with intent to distribute heroin, and possession of methamphetamine, cocaine, and heroin.

The charges above are defined as either a Class 3 felony with a range of 2-24 years in prison and a \$3,000-\$750,000 fine, or a Class 4 felony with a range of 1-12 years in prison and a \$2,000-\$500,000 fine.

Suspects arrested by TRIDENT are considered to have significant involvement in the drug trade within Garfield County and our local communities. Arrests result in drug trafficking organizations losing thousands of dollars in potential profit from narcotics sales. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

TRIDENT is a multi-jurisdictional drug task force funded through Federal, State and Local government funding sources. Anyone with information about drug trafficking in the area is encouraged to call TRIDENT at (970) 945-0744.

Arrests by TRIDENT include the following individuals taken into custody as a result of the investigation:

PAUL HERNANDEZ CONTRERAS

-Conspiracy to distribute, and possess with the intent to distribute, (1) 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance. (Federal Charges)

Conducted or attempt to conduct, a financial transaction affecting interstate or foreign commerce, which transaction involved the proceeds of a specified unlawful activity. (Federal Charges)

Possession with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine (actual), a Schedule II controlled substance. (Federal Charges)

Possession with the intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance. (Federal Charges)

DANIEL TAPIA-MORALES

-Conspiracy to distribute, and possess with the intent to distribute, (1) 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance. (Federal Charges)

Conducted or attempt to conduct, a financial transaction affecting interstate or foreign commerce, which transaction involved the proceeds of a specified unlawful activity. (Two Counts) (Federal Charges)

Possession with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine (actual), a Schedule II controlled substance. (Federal Charges)

Possession with the intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance. (Federal Charges)

Possession of a weapon by a previous felon. (Federal Charges)

SEAN HERRERA

-Conspiracy to distribute, and possess with the intent to distribute, (1) 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance. (Federal Charges)

Distribution and possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine (actual), a Schedule II controlled substance. (Federal Charges)

Possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine (actual), a Schedule II controlled substance. (Two Counts) (Federal Charges)

Conducted or attempt to conduct, a financial transaction affecting interstate or foreign commerce, which transaction involved the proceeds of a specified unlawful activity. (Federal Charges)

Distribution and possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine (actual), a Schedule II controlled substance. (Federal Charges)

RIGOBERTO FELIX

-Conspiracy to distribute, and possess with the intent to distribute, (1) 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance. (Federal Charges)

Distribution and possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine (actual), a Schedule II controlled substance. (Two Counts) (Federal Charges)

Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance. (Federal Charges)

SERGIO GONZALEZ-LOMELI

-Conspiracy to distribute, and possess with the intent to distribute, (1) 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance. (Federal Charges)

Distribution and possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine (actual), a Schedule II controlled substance. (Two Counts) (Federal Charges)

Distribution and possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine (actual), a Schedule II controlled substance. (Federal Charges)

BRANDON LATIGUE

Conducted or attempt to conduct, a financial transaction affecting interstate or foreign commerce, which transaction involved the proceeds of a specified unlawful activity. (Federal Charges)

RICARDO MORALES

-Conspiracy to distribute, and possess with the intent to distribute, (1) 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance. (Federal Charges)

Distribution and possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine (actual), a Schedule II controlled substance. (Two Counts) (Federal Charges)

Possession with intent to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance. (Federal Charges)

DAVID SOSA

Conducted or attempt to conduct, a financial transaction affecting interstate or foreign commerce, which transaction involved the proceeds of a specified unlawful activity. (Federal Charges)

Unlawful Possession of a schedule II controlled substance, (Methamphetamine), in violation of C.R.S. # 18-18-403.5, a class 4 Drug Felony (1 Count) (State Charges)

Unlawful Possession of a schedule II controlled substance with the intent to distribute, (Methamphetamine), in violation of C.R.S. # 18-18-405, a class 1 Drug Felony (1 Count) (State Charges)

MARCO VALDEZ

Possession with intent to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance. (Federal Charges)

Possess of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. (Federal Charges)
Possession of a weapon by a previous felon. (Federal Charges)

KARINDA SILLS

Possession with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance. (Federal Charges)

Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. (Federal Charges)

Possession of a weapon by a previous felon. (Federal Charges)

DAVID LOPEZ-CUELLAR

Possession of a weapon by a previous felon. (Federal Charges)

JASON SCOTT FOREMAN

State traffic charges.

ANTHONY WILLIAM TOOVEY

Unlawful Possession of a schedule II controlled substance, (Methamphetamine), in violation of C.R.S. # 18-18-403.5, a class 4 Drug Felony (1 Count) (State Charges)

MARIA QUEZADA

Parole Violation

Unlawful Possession of a schedule II controlled substance, (Methamphetamine), in violation of C.R.S. # 18-18-403.5, a class 4 Drug Felony (1 Count) (State Charges)

Unlawful Possession with intent to distribute a schedule II controlled substance, (Methamphetamine), in violation of C.R.S. # 18-18-403.5, a class 4 Drug Felony (1 Count) (State Charges)

Possession of paraphernalia (State Charges)

Miscellaneous traffic offenses (State Charges)

RODOLFO CASTILLO

Unlawful Possession with intent to distribute 7-112 grams of a schedule II controlled substance, (Methamphetamine), in violation of C.R.S. # 18-18-403.5, a class 4 Drug Felony (1 Count) (State Charges)

Unlawful Possession of 7-112 grams of a schedule II controlled substance, (Methamphetamine), in violation of C.R.S. # 18-18-403.5, a class 4 Drug Felony (1 Count) (State Charges)

Any questions please contact TRIDENT Board Chairman, Sheriff Lou Vallario at (970) 945-0453.