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NEWS RELEASE

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TARGET Investigation Uncovers Eight Pounds of Narcotics

A four month investigation involving officers from the Tulare County Agencies Regional Gang Enforcement Team (TARGET) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security concluded today with the arrest of four suspects and eight pounds of methamphetamine.

The investigation was generated from an anonymous tip alleging large amounts of methamphetamine were being transported and sold out of the Woodlake area by members of the La Familia Cartel, a Tans-National Gang. TARGET officers requested assistance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the form of funding and resources to assist with the investigation.

Today at approximately 1:00 pm, officers and agents from TARGET, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Visalia Police Department, Tulare Police Department, Tulare County Sheriff's Office, and the Fresno County Sheriff's Office assisted in the apprehension of four suspects and the service of a search warrant at two locations. Surveillance was being conducted today when officers observed the suspect vehicle, driven by Daniel Reynoso, speeding on the roadway. A traffic stop was conducted for the moving violation. Based on the investigation a police canine was called in to perform a narcotics search of the suspect vehicle. The police canine alerted during the search and a secret compartment was located resulting in the seizure of four pounds of methamphetamine.

Based on the existing investigation and the methamphetamine located inside the suspect vehicle, a search warrant was conducted at two residential locations in Woodlake. During the service of the search warrant four additional pounds of methamphetamine, a pound of marijuana, and a rifle were located at a residence in the 22000 block of Ave 340.

Four suspects, Daniel Reynoso 26, Esaul Pacheco 28, Cristobol Reyes 21, and a 17 year old female juvenile were arrested during the investigation for possession of narcotics for sales and transportation of narcotics for sales. All were transported and booked into the appropriate Tulare County Jail Facilities. The street value of the methamphetamine seized is estimated to be \$500,000.





