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OPERATION METH MONSTER WARRANT ROUND UP

Lincoln and Otero—Operation Meth Monster is a six month undercover operation in Lincoln and Otero counties focusing on meth. The New Mexico State Police Narcotic's Section began the street level operation in July of 2007 and now have made 22 arrests on thirty seven (37) arrest warrants.

The agents' main focus was on methamphetamines; however agents purchased several different types of controlled substance during the operation. Of the thirty seven people being arrested, twenty two (22) are meth related; ten (10) for marijuana; four (4) for cocaine and one (1) for a prescription drug offense. Thirty six of the suspects will be charged with felony trafficking/distribution and the other with misdemeanor possession.

Agencies within the area came together for an early morning round up on Wednesday, February 13th. The Alamogordo DPS, Otero County Narcotics Enforcement Unit, Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Unit, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the 12th judicial District Attorneys Office all worked together to round up these involved with drug dealing and other crimes. The New Mexico State Police will continue to work with all these agencies to combat the sale and distribution of controlled substances. Anyone with information about narcotics distribution and manufacture should contact the New Mexico State Police. The New Mexico State Police continues attempts to positively affect the 'quality of life' through out New Mexico through narcotic enforcement activities.

This is a list of those arrested in the round up:

OPERATION METH MONSTER

ARESTEES:

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>AGE:</u>	<u>CHARGES:</u>	<u>HOMETOWN:</u>
1. Enrique Montoya	23	2 Counts of Trafficking methamphetamine 1 Count of Distribution of a prescription	Ruidoso
2. Levi Ringener	26	1 Count Trafficking Methamphetamine	Tularosa
3. Anselmo Cardenas	56	2 Counts Trafficking Cocaine	Ruidoso Downs
4. Larry Turner	22	1 Count Trafficking Methamphetamine	Ruidoso
5. Chanel Toadlena	38	2 Counts Distribution of marijuana	Tularosa
6. (One Juvenile)		1 Count Distribution of Marijuana	XXXX
7. Francisco Granados	21	1 Count Trafficking Cocaine	Alamogordo
8. Wesley Gonzales	38	2 Counts Trafficking Methamphetamine	Ruidoso
9. Miguel Castillo	49	5 Counts Trafficking Cocaine 5 Counts Conspiracy to Traffic Cocaine	Ruidoso Downs
10. Michael Ballard	21	3 Counts Trafficking Cocaine 3 Counts Conspiracy to Traffic Cocaine	Ruidoso
11. Andy Gonzales	29	2 Counts Trafficking Methamphetamine 1 Count Conspiracy to Traffic Methamphetamine	Ruidoso Downs
12. Hector DeLeon	28	1 Count Trafficking Cocaine	Ruidoso Downs
13. Dwaine Chavez	30	1 Count Trafficking Methamphetamine	Ruidoso Downs
14. Terry Herrera	45	1 Count Possession of Methamphetamine	Alamogordo
15. Carlos Tafoya	27	1 Count Trafficking Methamphetamine 1 Count Conspiracy to Traffic Methamphetamine	Ruidoso Downs
16. Kyree Wilson	18	1 Count Distribution of Marijuana 1 Count Conspiracy to Distribute Marijuana 1 Count Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor	Alamogordo
17. Eddie Wyatt	47	1 Count Trafficking Methamphetamine 1 Count Conspiracy to Traffic Methamphetamine 1 Count Felony Child Abuse/Neglect 1 Count Animal Cruelty	Tularosa
18. Rachel Rials	22	1 Count Trafficking Methamphetamine 2 Counts Conspiracy to Traffic Methamphetamine	Alamogordo
19. Kristi McDowell	47	1 Count 1 st degree Abuse of a Child 1 Count Possession Methamphetamine 1 Count Tampering with Evidence	Tularosa

		1 Count Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	
20. Charles Soto	?	(Unrelated Traffic Warrant)	San Patricio
21. William Suratt	43	(Unrelated Bench Warrant)	Tinnie
22. Johnathan Ortiz	36,.	1 Count Concealing Identity 1 Count Possession of Methamphetamine	Ruidoso

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