



PRESS RELEASE

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Type of Crime: Illegal Sales of Prescription Narcotics

Case #: 11-3337

Location: 8200 block of Arroyo Circle, Gilroy

Date: 08/04/11

Suspect #1) Gatch, Michael – 31 year old, Morgan Hill Resident

Suspect #2) Lam, David – 28 year old, Gilroy Resident

Suspect #3) Montarbo, Christopher – 25 year old, Morgan Hill Resident

Details:

On August 3, 2011 at approximately 2335 hours, Gilroy Police Officers were dispatched to the 8200 block of Arroyo Circle, Gilroy, regarding reported suspicious subjects.

Officers arrived at the scene and contacted Gatch, Lam and Montarbo. Officers noticed that the subjects were displaying extreme objective symptoms of narcotic intoxication. During the initial investigation, officers located multiple prescription receipts for narcotics to include Oxycodone, Hydrocodon, Alprazolam and Diazepam with others people's names and narcotic ingestion paraphernalia. Gatch, Lam and Montarbo were arrested at the scene.

Officers continued their investigation and obtained search warrants from a Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge. Officers search a motel room in Morgan Hill and a residence in the 1400 block of Amber Drive, Gilroy. The management of the Morgan Hill motel were unaware of the suspect's activities.

Officers seized the following evidence pursuant to the search warrants – over 500 pills of illegally possessed prescription narcotics, heroin possessed for sale, money, stolen physician prescription pads and evidence to support the illegal sales of narcotics.

The investigation remains active and Gilroy Police Officers continue to investigate leads.

The abuse of prescription medications / narcotics continues to rise. These medications, when used without a physician's recommendation, could have severe adverse consequences. Community members are encouraged to speak with their children, family and friends regarding potential drug abuse and to call 9-1-1 if they recognize someone who may be incoherent, unresponsive and under the influence of a narcotic.

Anyone with information regarding this incident or the sales / distribution of narcotics are encouraged to contact the Department's Anti-Crime Team at 408-846-0350 or the Unified Narcotic Task Force at 831-636-8622. Parties wishing to remain anonymous may call WeTip at 1-800-782-7463 (1-800-78-Crime).

For any media inquiries please call (408) 846-0347.

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By: Sgt. Gallacinao
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