



PRESS RELEASE

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Gilroy Police Department
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7301 Hanna St. Gilroy, CA 95020

TYPE OF CRIME: Narcotics Distribution

LOCATION: 7600 Block Forest St.

SUSPECT: Charlie Carranza .

DOB: 9/16/1962

ADDRESS: 7600 Forest St.

Details

On April 16, 2010 Investigators from the Anti-Crime Team, the Unified Narcotics Enforcement Team (UNET) and federal law enforcement investigators collaborated in a narcotics distribution investigation.

For an extended period of time, we received information from a variety of sources indicating Gilroy resident Charlie Carranza was selling and distributing narcotics. For the duration of the investigation it was determined that Mr. Carranza had an established network where he would isolate himself with parolees and other known criminal offenders. In an apparent and futile attempt to shield himself from prosecution, his minions would solicit and identify potential clients.

Investigators were able to determine the source of these transactions and specifically determine what, if any culpability Mr. Carranza had in the case.

A federal search warrant was secured from a federal magistrate. The above listed agencies executed that warrant which led to the arrest of Mr. Carranza. At that time, other known offenders were arrested for a variety of charges including narcotics and outstanding warrants.

Mr. Carranza was taken into federal custody and appeared before a federal magistrate. On February 24, 2011 Mr. Carranza was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for the crimes outlined. Subsequent to his release, he will be on a supervised release program for 5 years. Additionally, there were some proceeds that were seized related to the illicit activities that were occurring.

We appreciate the willingness of community members to assist law enforcement in our efforts to suppress and eradicate the sale of drugs in our community. This is a modern plague that will continue to seriously harm or kill our children. Without community members' assistance, this would have continued and would allow those who choose not to seek gainful employment and be productive members of our society to elude prosecution under the cloak of intimidation and the allure of easy money.

Anyone with additional information are urged to contact Investigators with the Anti-Crime Team at (408) 846-0350. For any media inquiries please call (408) 846-0347.

BY: Sgt. Deras

DATE: March 3, 2011