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Press Release

DATE OF EVENT: October 12, 2017

TYPE OF EVENT: AB109 P.R.C.S/ Parole/ Probation Compliance Check
S.I.T. (Street Interdiction Team) Operation

LOCATION: City of Ridgecrest and surrounding areas in Kern County

On October 12, 2017, the Ridgecrest Police Department conducted a compliance check on subjects who are on active Parole, Probation or Post Release Community Supervision (AB109) living within the City of Ridgecrest and surrounding areas (Buttermilk Acres and Inyokern). The primary goal of the compliance check was to deter criminal activity in the Indian Wells Valley.

The operation was comprised of approximately 35 Law Enforcement Officers for 35 planned contacts from the following agencies:

- Ridgecrest Police Department
- Taft Police Department
- McFarland Police Department
- Kern County Probation Department
- California State Parole
- Delano Police Department

The Ridgecrest Police Department's Community Service Officers, Dispatch and Ridgecrest Police Department's Community Service Officer assisted in this event.

During the operation, approximately 35 searches, 23 non-target contacts were conducted resulting in 22 arrests for various violations including the seizure of (13) handguns/rifles, (4) of which were confirmed stolen, 42.6 grams of methamphetamine, 2 gram of heroin, several glass pipes and hypodermic needles and an expandable baton.

1. Jessica Lish 12/29/1984-No bail misdemeanor warrant
2. Heather Height 08/26/1985-Misdemeanor warrant
3. Camiesha Pruitt 05/24/1994- (H&S) 11377(a)-Possession of controlled substance and (H&S) 11364-Possession of paraphernalia
4. Ricky Dean Harris 11/11/1972- (H&S) 11364-Possession of paraphernalia and Mandatory Supervision Violation

5. Stephanie Shelton 07/20/1961-(PC) 29800(a)(1)-Felon in possession of gun, (PC) 30305(a)(1)-Felon in possession of ammunition, (H&S) 11378(a)-Possession of controlled substance for sales,(H&S) 11350(a)-Possession of controlled substance narcotic, (H&S) 11364-Possession of paraphernalia
6. Michael Thompson 10/05/1966--(PC) 29800(a)(1)-Felon in possession of gun, (PC) 30305(a)(1)-Felon in possession of ammunition, (H&S) 11378(a)-Possession of controlled substance for sales, (H&S) 11364-Possession of paraphernalia
7. Jonathan Stanley-Ratto 09/02/1992-Post Release Community Supervision violation
8. Donald Tyler 02/04/1963- (PC) 3056-Parole Hold
9. Valerie Presta 04/11/1977-(H&S) 11377(a)-Possession of controlled substance
10. Jaime Perez 12/06/1976-(PC) 29800(a)(1)-Felon in possession of gun, (PC) 30305(a)(1)-Felon in possession of ammunition
11. Andrew Hildebrand 05/26/1990-Violation of probation
12. Robert Kane 04/08/1993- (4) Misdemeanor warrants
13. Ronald Rickets 10/12/1937- (H&S) 11364-Possession of paraphernalia
14. Kaliegh Thomas 01/04/1986- (H&S) 11377(a)-Possession of controlled substance, (H&S) 11364-Possession of paraphernalia and (PC) 3056-Parole hold
15. Elijah Barragan 09/11/1993-Probation violation
16. Leland Stevens 08/14/1970-(PC) 30305(a)(1)-Felon in possession of ammunition, (H&S) 11377(a)-Possession of controlled substance, (PC) 22210-Possession of prohibited weapon, Probation violation
17. Christina Stephens 01/31/1987- Misdemeanor warrant
18. Jared Kuppens 12/28/1989- (H&S) 11364-Possession of paraphernalia and probation violation
19. Michelle Bright 12/28/1975-(PC) 148(a)(1)-Resist/Obstruct/Delay peace officer, (H&S) 11364-Possession of paraphernalia
20. Jacob Talley 12/14/1989-(H&S) 11364-Possession of paraphernalia
21. Scott Noyes 01/03/1970-(H&S) 11364-Possession of paraphernalia
22. Kelly Saulque 12/18/1981-(PC) 22810-Felon in possession of tear gas, Misdemeanor warrant

The Ridgecrest Police Department would like to thank all agencies for their participation in this S.I.T Operation.

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