



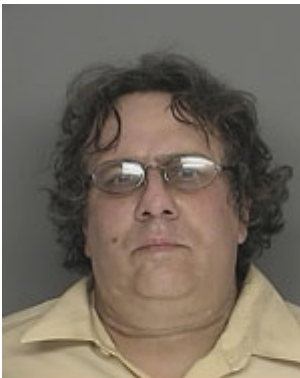
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News Release

Local Attorney Faces Drug Charges



Carpinteria—A local attorney is facing drug charges following his arrest as a result of a Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department investigation.

Narcotics Detectives with the SBSO began the investigation several weeks ago after learning Alan Greg Karow (DOB 8/18/60) had been using heroin and prescription pills and was suspected of coming to court while under the influence of a controlled substance.



At approximately 9:30am on Monday, December 22, 2008 detectives witnessed Karow park his vehicle outside a residence on the four-thousand block of 9th Street in Carpinteria. As he had on several previous occasions, Karow purchased heroin from a man through the passenger window of his car. Due to witnessing previous transactions Detectives had obtained search warrants which they were prepared to serve.

Following the transaction Detectives followed Karow's vehicle which he drove for a few blocks before parking. When Detectives approached Karow's vehicle he was preparing to smoke the heroin he had just purchased. Upon seeing the Detectives Karow

then tried to flee, but could not get his vehicle into gear. He was taken into custody without incident.

Detectives found Karow in possession of one gram of heroin and several prescription pills. The Detectives arrested Karow on numerous charges including Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Driving While Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Prescription Pills Without a Prescription. He posted bail on 12/22/08.

As part of the investigation Detectives were also able to connect Dean Ralph Mull (DOB 3/20/-61) as Karow's drug dealer. A search of Mull's residence turned up more heroin. Detectives then arrested Mull for the Sale of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He is currently on a parole hold in the Santa Barbara County Jail.

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