



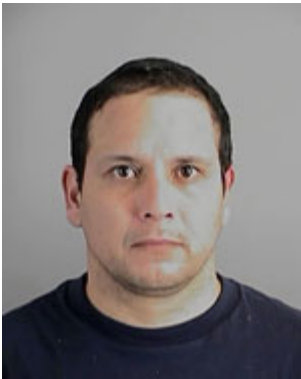
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News Release

Guadalupe Drug Bust



Guadalupe—A 41-year old man is in jail today facing drug possession and child endangerment charges after Detectives with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department served a search warrant on his home in Guadalupe.

Narcotics Detective's served the warrant Thursday, December 18, 2008 at the residence on the 44-hundred block of 4th Street, in Guadalupe. As a result of the search, Detectives seized approximately one ounce of methamphetamine as well as other contraband related to the sales of illegal drugs. The street value of the methamphetamine is approximately \$2,900.

In addition to the methamphetamine, detectives also discovered an indoor marijuana grow consisting of approximately 130 plants which appeared to be covered under the medicinal marijuana guidelines. However, the odor of the marijuana was so strong throughout the house and the fact that a pair of two year old children had such easy access to some of the plants, Detectives deemed the environment dangerous for the children.

Due to the above circumstances and the fact that a suitable family member was unavailable, Child Welfare Services responded and took custody of the children. Jesse

DeLeon was booked into the Santa Maria Jail and is being held without bail for possession of methamphetamine for sale and child endangerment.