

Previously deported man nabbed in drug bust

by Cheryl McDermott

A 26-year old fugitive with several outstanding arrest warrants who had been previously deported from the United States was arrested Wednesday night in Jefferson County, Oregon when deputies found over \$15,000 worth of methamphetamine and heroin hidden in his vehicle, officials reported.

Balam Andres Servin-Cornejo, JCI photo Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Detective Dominguez said that Balam Andres Servin-Cornejo - a Mexican national currently residing in Beaverton, and a convicted sex offender - was stopped while driving a maroon 1998 Ford Ranger pickup for a traffic violation. The driver was asked for, and provided his consent to a search of his vehicle, the detective said.

Deputies were joined on scene by Central Oregon Drug Enforcement (CODE) detectives, Oregon State Police troopers, and Deschutes County Sheriff's Office deputies accompanied by a drug-detecting dog. The dog alerted to the odor of drugs, and a search yielded the discovery of over 150 grams of meth and 5 grams of heroin hidden in the pickup's engine compartment, a news release stated.

The suspect was taken into custody and lodged in the Jefferson County Jail without incident. It was later discovered Servin-Cornejo had provided false identification to police, and had several Washington County outstanding warrants for his arrest, Dominguez said. He had previously been deported to Mexico, his native country.

Servin-Cornejo remains in jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond. He is charged with possession, manufacture, and delivery of methamphetamine; possession of heroin; identity theft; providing false information to a police

officer; and failure to report as a sex offender.

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