Six arrested in Redmond meth bust near school

by Cheryl McDermott

REDMOND, Ore. -- An extensive investigation into alleged methamphetamine trafficking led to a raid on a southwest Redmond home directly across from a middle school on Wednesday night, and the arrest of six persons, detectives reported.

Alberto Zepeda Perez (left), Saul Garces Lopez (right) â€" DCJ photos
Pablo Espinoza Farias (left), Marco Antonio Flores Carmon (right) â€" DCJ photos   Monica Arias Magallanes (left), Alberto Delgado Almonte (not available) â€" DCJ photos

According to a news release prepared by Oregon State Police (OSP) Sgt. Mitchell Meyer, working in consort with the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement (CODE) team, Deschutes County Sheriffâ€™s deputies and Redmond Police officers assisted CODE members during execution of a search warrant at 1332 SW Obsidian Avenue in Redmond, Oregon, about 8:15 p.m. on May 21.

The raid was the result of an extensive investigation into alleged drug trafficking at the residence near

Obsidian Middle School, including covert meth purchases -- totaling over two ounces -- made from one of the residents, Meyer said.

Detectives seized an undisclosed amount of methamphetamine, drug sales records, packaging material, digital scales, forged documents and over $5,000 in cash from the home, the sergeant reported.

Five residents were taken into custody and lodged in the Deschutes County Jail, charged with what Sgt. Meyer described as â€œnumerous crimesâ€• including possession of methamphetamine and frequenting a place where drugs are used, kept or sold.

Those residents arrested included 30-year old Alberto Zepeda Perez (the suspect who allegedly sold meth to detectives); Saul Garces Lopez, 32; Marco Antonio Flores Carmon, 21; Pablo Espinoza Farias, 30; and Alberto Delgado Almonte, 26.

29-year old Monica Arias Magallanes of Bend, Oregon, was present during the raid and was also taken into custody and charged with drug-related crimes, the sergeant stated.

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