

## 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 "numerous crimes" 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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