

Police seize 12 pounds of pot in Salem drug raid

by Cheryl McDermott

Three men were arrested following a raid at a northeast Salem home Friday when police seized 12 pounds of marijuana, a small quantity of meth, six firearms, and over \$500 cash.

The Salem Street Crimes Unit was assisted by the Keizer Police Department and Marion County Sheriff's Office when they executed a search warrant at 4555 York Avenue NE. The warrant was obtained as a result of an ongoing investigation into marijuana sales from the residence, which included a controlled purchase of two ounces of meth from one of the residents.

Detectives allegedly found 12 pounds of marijuana, a small quantity of meth, four firearms, and \$529 cash - SPD photos

Detectives allegedly found 12 pounds of marijuana, a small quantity of meth, packaging materials and other related drug paraphernalia; plus four rifles, a shotgun, a derringer pistol; and \$529 cash. According to a news release issued by the Salem Police Department, one of the recovered rifles was previously reported stolen through the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.

All three men in the residence at the time of the search were taken into custody, police said.

Fermin Villasenor-Ramirez, 30, who resides at the York Avenue address, was charged with possession and delivery of marijuana, and possession of methamphetamine.

Gerardo Vargas-Gallegos and Julian Arreola Cervantes, both 27-year old men from Ontario, Oregon, were charged with possession and delivery of marijuana.

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