

Over 1 Pound of Methamphetamine worth \$45,000 Seized

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In the second week of February of this year, the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement Team intensified its focus on interdicting methamphetamine shipments on Highway 97, that were destined for delivery to Deschutes County. Over the past two weeks three separate seizures, during three separate vehicle stops have netted the seizure of just over one pound of methamphetamine with a street value of over \$45,000.

On February 13th at approximately 3:30 pm at the intersection of NE 8th and Buff Streets in Madras, the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement Team (CODE) arrested Eilcer Guelner Perez (age 29), Jorge Armando Pacheco Chavez (age 25) and Eloin Quezader Leyua (age 31) as they conspired to sell 1/4 pound of meth to an undercover officer. All the men are Madras residents. Perez was charged with manufacturing, possession, & delivery of methamphetamine. Chavez and Leyua were charged with conspiring to possess and delivery of methamphetamine.

On February 17th at approximately 1:30 pm, the CODE Team, working in conjunction with the Oregon State Police interdicted a vehicle driven by Miguel Angel Estrada, age 26 of Madras. The vehicle was southbound on Highway 97 near N/W Ice Avenue in Terrebonne. During a search of the vehicle, 1/4 pound of meth was found in the back seat, although Estrada was released pending further investigation.

On February 25th at approximately 1:45 pm, CODE Team detectives with the assistance of the city of Madras Police Department, Jefferson County Sheriffs Department, and Oregon State Police arrested Richardo Gonzalez Rodriguez and Misael Rodriguez-Gonzalez for being in possession of 1/2 pound of meth. This arrest took place on NE Cedar Street near the intersection of Highway 97 in Madras.

Richardo Gonzalez Rodriguez of Aloha, who has also used the name of Adalberto Ramirez-Avila, has prior arrests in Washington and Utah for narcotics-related charges.

In the year 2005, the CODE Team seized over 19 pounds of methamphetamine which has an estimated street value of over \$800,000. This compared to only 8 pounds seized in 2004.

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