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MEDIA RELEASE

CASE NUMBER: 17-0160
DATE: 2/10/2017
LOCATION: 900 Block of Nash Rd, Hollister
TYPE: Arrest for firearms & narcotics possession and child endangerment

SUSPECT:	AGE:
David MARTINEZ	26
Annette CUELLAR	29

INFORMATION:

On February 10, 2017, Deputies from the San Benito County Sheriff's Office and Agents from the San Benito County Unified Narcotics Enforcement Team served a search warrant in the 900 block of Nash Rd in the City of Hollister. This warrant was issued for firearms and gang indicia following a traffic stop leading to the arrest of David MARTINEZ on January 23, 2017. That stop was on Highway 156 at Pacheco Creek Dr. During the stop, MARTINEZ was found to be in possession of a loaded, stolen handgun.

In this case, MARTINEZ and Annette CUELLAR were contacted in their apartment with their 7-month and 3-year-old children. The couple was detained without incident. A search of the apartment located three illegal firearms in the closet of the children's bedroom. The firearms were a loaded AR-15 rifle, a sawed-off .22 cal. rifle, and a 20 gauge shotgun. Along with the firearms, Deputies located 5 high-capacity (30-round) .223 cal magazines, 3 of which were fully loaded. Also located was a 60-round .223 cal. ammunition "drum."

In addition to the firearms and magazines, multiple calibers of ammunition were found as well as many items indicating active participation in a criminal street gang. There were narcotics, narcotics packaging and a digital scale located as well.

As a result, MARTINEZ was charged with multiple crimes including child endangerment, possession of an assault rifle, possession or narcotics for sale, possession of high-capacity magazines and active participation in a criminal street gang. CUELLAR was charged with child endangerment and possession or narcotics. Both were booked in the San Benito County Jail and Child protective services responded and took custody of the children.

BY: Captain Eric Taylor
DATE: 2/13/2017



