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MEDIA RELATIONS



**NEWS RELEASE
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INVESTIGATION LEADS TO DRUG SEIZURE

Modesto, CA – Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department patrol deputies helped to remove two pounds of dangerous crystal methamphetamine from the unincorporated streets of South Modesto Wednesday afternoon.

As part of a continual effort to proactively suppress criminal activity in our local communities, despite the most recently imposed budget and personnel reductions, deputies were asked to provide extra patrol near the intersection of Olivero and Crows Landing Roads at approximately 4:04 p.m. in order to investigate a large gathering of people in the area. Deputies recognized this location as a site of a fairly recent homicide. As the deputies arrived in the area, people began to suspiciously evacuate the area.

Dep. Dustin Bruley, who is a certified narcotics-detecting K-9 handler, was able to respond to the location of the volleyball courts near Crows Landing and Olivero Roads to provide assistance with his K-9, "Anna". Bruley and "Anna" have been a drug-detection K-9 team for the past five-years. K-9 "Anna" is certified every year through the California Narcotic K-9 Association to detect the odors of various controlled substances.

As the preliminary investigation continued, "Anna" helped to evaluate an upwards of 20 parked vehicles in and around the area for any contraband. The canine was able to alert on one vehicle in particular, which prompted investigators to obtain a search warrant in order to thoroughly search and process the car. A hidden compartment was eventually located in the car, and approximately two-pounds of a substance preliminarily testing positive for crystal methamphetamine was located within. Detectives say the drugs have a street value of approximately \$32,000.

Nobody in the area questioned by law enforcement would claim ownership of the vehicle or the narcotics, therefore the drugs were seized, the car was towed and stored, and the investigation remains open pending further new information, leads or other follow-up efforts. Arrests have not been made at the writing of this press release. A photograph of the suspected drugs has been attached for reader convenience.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact Narcotics Agents at (209) 558-6300. Callers can also leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636. Tipsters can also e-mail tips at <http://www.modestopolice.com/CrimeStoppers>, or text them to CRIMES (274637) by typing "Tip704" plus the message and be eligible for a cash reward.

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