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Riverbank Police Services Deputies Arrest Man for Weapons Charges and Violation of Probation

Riverbank, CA – On 09/13/11 at about 12:15 PM Deputies assigned to Riverbank Police Services responded to a 911 call of a person who had been assaulted. The actual location of the 911 call could not be traced so deputies went door-to-door looking for any possible emergencies.

When they arrived at 2818 Ross Ave and knocked on the door a female looked through the blinds, but was hesitant to answer the door and it she appeared suspicious to the deputies. She finally opened the door and deputies were able to speak with her. They discovered that she was in the house with her boyfriend, 40 year old Saul Garcia of Riverbank, CA.

Deputies learned that Garcia was on probation for possession of illegal drugs while in possession of a firearm. He was also registered sex offender and had recently moved to Riverbank. Garcia had not notified law enforcement of his change of address as required by law. It was also found that he was a previously deported felon and had reentered the country illegally.

Detectives contacted Homeland Security: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) regarding Garcia's return to the country and his current status. On 09/14/11 at about 12:44 PM Sheriff's Detectives and ICE Agents conducted a probation search of Garcia's residence. During the search Garcia was found to be in possession of 3 shotguns, 1 handgun, multiple rounds of ammunition, and methamphetamine.

Garcia was taken into custody for a felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, possession of a controlled substance, felony probation violation, and failure to notify law enforcement of a change of address based on his sex registrant status. Garcia was booked at the Stanislaus County Jail. ICE Agents placed a hold on him in order to ensure that he does not get released back out into the community.

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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