

January 2010 End of month General Investigations Unit

On January 3rd Detectives were called to Monache High School regarding vandalism. An unknown suspect entered onto school property some time over the weekend and scratched the moniker "Samer" into numerous classroom windows. The damage was estimated at \$8,000.00.

Detective Carrillo investigated the case and identified a potential suspect as Frederico Avarez that resides at 571 N. Delta. While he denied any involvement in the crime he had graffiti inside his residence and all over his backyard that matched that found at the crime scene. During the investigation Detective Carrillo located a couple of marijuana plants inside the residence along with various items associated with an indoor grow. Frederico's brother, Luis, was identified as the suspect in possession of the plants.

At PPD, Frederico decided to vandalize the inside of his holding cell by scratching "Samer" on the walls & door. This just so happened to be the same moniker that had been placed all over Monache High School. Detective Carrillo conducted another interview with him regarding this and this time the suspect confessed to vandalizing Monache High School through scratching various names/monikers and utilizing magic markers as well.

On January 15th Detectives were called out to 93 E. Date Avenue #74 regarding a fire inside the apartment. When the fire department entered the apartment they located two deceased people inside. Further investigation revealed that Michael Vasquez and his wife, Cheanna Sidhu, were in an argument inside the apartment. Vasquez produced a gun and killed Sidhu with a single gunshot. He then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide. Detective Dowling processed the crime scene after Detective Buck obtained a search warrant. Detective Green interviewed the victim's three children and made arrangements for CWS to take custody of the children. Investigation revealed a history of domestic violence between the two.

On January 17th Detectives were called out regarding an alleged sexual assault. Detective Green contacted the victim at the PD and completed an interview. The victim advised she had passed out at a party and believed she may have been sexually assaulted however she had no recollection of the event. Investigation revealed she had engaged in sexual activity with a male suspect, who was hosting the party. He insisted that the sexual activity was consensual.

Further investigation by Detective Green identified a second suspect, David Hernandez. Hernandez admitted to engaging in sexual activity with the victim during the same time, but under further questioning admitted the victim was intoxicated and in fact had passed out.

Two male suspects were arrested and booked. Charges have been filed against both suspects.

On January 27th Detectives were called to the area of Jennifer and Monache on a report of an attempted kidnapping. A 10 yr old female was reporting that an unidentified male subject in a van had tried to get her to get in his vehicle. Detectives responded and during our interviews with the child and her mother we noted that the mother indicated they had an argument immediately prior to the alleged kidnapping attempt about the juvenile having to walk to school. The juvenile also changed her statement a couple of times about where exactly it was that the suspect attempted to abduct her. Officer Bray was conducting a neighborhood canvass when he located a residence on Jennifer directly across from where the alleged crime took place. The surveillance was viewed and it showed the juvenile in the area for several minutes talking on the cell phone before her mother arrived. At no time was there ever any attempted abduction. Faced with the evidence the juvenile stated she made up the entire story because she was upset about having to walk to school. The case was submitted and is to be handled by Thunderbolt due to the juveniles age.

During the month of January Detective Green met with investigators from numerous other agencies in regards to large scale credit card fraud group. This group has been operating in numerous jurisdictions up and down the state, to include Porterville. Federal investigators have contacted and are assisting in the investigations.

Anyone with information regarding a criminal investigation or questions on a pending criminal case can contact Sergeant John Hall at 782-7421 or 782-7400.

January Monthly Report 2010, Special Investigations Unit

During the month of January, SIU detectives focused on gang and narcotic activity.

The following is a summary of the SIU activity for January 2010:

Search Warrants served in January 2010:

Detectives served 9 search warrants.

Consent Searches in January 2010:

Detectives conducted 2 consent searches.

Special Enforcement Details in January 2010:

Gang Enforcement	3 details
Narcotics Enforcement	3 details
Other ()	0 details

Court Orders served by SIU in January 2010:

Detectives have served 2 court orders.

Narcotics seized by SIU in January 2010:

Methamphetamine	1	gram
Cocaine	9	grams
Marijuana	1001	grams
Marijuana Plants	2	plants
Heroin	0	grams
Psilocybin	0	grams

Asset forfeiture by SIU in January 2010:

\$5,182.00 in U.S. Currency was seized.

Fresh Arrests by SIU in January 2010:

13 - Felony arrests
2 - Misdemeanor arrests
Total arrests: 15

Arrest Warrants served in January 2010:

4 - Felony arrest warrants served
6 - Misdemeanor warrants served
Total Arrest Warrants: 10

Weapons seized by SIU in January 2010:

0 Handguns
0 Rifles
2 Shotguns
Total weapons seized: 2

Parole arrests by SIU in January 2010:

Six parolees were arrested.

Surveillances by SIU in January 2010:

9 surveillances were conducted.

Control buys and Undercover buys in January 2010:

2 control buys / 3 undercover operations

Expenditure of City Recorded Funds in January 2010:

Control Buys: \$040.00

Undercover Buys: \$200.00
Informant payment \$002.87
Other \$037.13

Probation / Parole Searches:

15 compliance searches

Field Interviews by SIU to date:

10 Field Interviews

Community Presentations / Details:

3 gang presentations / training