



MEDIA RELEASE

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Sheriff-Coroner

5200 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

(831) 454-7611 FAX: (831) 454-7608

Chris Clark

Sheriff-Coroner

Media Release: December 26, 2024 Fentanyl Crisis Response Team Arrest

Over the past several months, the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office Fentanyl Crisis Response Team (FCRT) conducted an in-depth investigation into the narcotics trafficking activities of Juan Basurto Jimenez, a 54-year-old resident of Santa Clara County. The investigation uncovered extensive operations spanning Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties.

On December 19, 2024, law enforcement served search warrants at two locations: the 1200 block of E. San Martin Avenue in San Martin and the 1500 block of Monterey Road in Morgan Hill.

During these operations detectives seized: 1 pound of Fentanyl, over 3 pounds of Methamphetamine, 37 grams of Heroin, and 7 firearms (including three confirmed stolen).

Jimenez was arrested during the operation and booked into the Santa Clara County Jail. He faces multiple charges including possession of a Controlled Substance for Sale, transportation of a Controlled Substance, illegal Possession of an Assault Weapon, prohibited Person in Possession of a Firearm, prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition, child abuse.

This successful operation highlights the commitment of local, state, and federal agencies to addressing the fentanyl epidemic and reducing the threat of narcotics trafficking and illegal firearms in our communities. The Sheriff's Office thanks the following agencies for their assistance:

- Santa Cruz County Anti-Crime Team (SCCACT)
- Santa Cruz County Auto Theft Reductions and Enforcement (SCARE)
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- California Highway Patrol (CHP)
- Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office

Contact:

Ashley Keehn, Public Information Officer
Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office

Follow us on:

