

Significant Task Force Cases

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The Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force (MMCTF), along with the Sonoma County Narcotic Task Force (SCNTF), Mendocino Sheriff's Department, Willits Police Department, the Lake and Sonoma County Task Forces, and San Francisco BNE, served several search warrants in conclusion of an investigation into a sophisticated meth trafficking organization. Six search warrants were served, resulting in the seizure of 2 pounds of meth, a half ounce of cocaine, 1 1/2 pounds of marijuana, \$14,305 in cash, an assault rifle, assault pistol, and a semiautomatic handgun. Seven suspects were arrested.

Three year investigation ends with 21 arrests, 1 1/2 gallons of PCP, 1.5 pounds cocaine HCL, and 2 ounces of rock cocaine seized.

The Kings County Narcotic Task Force, along with the DEA and Fresno BNE, culminated a three year investigation into a group of subjects trafficking in PCP and base cocaine in the Hanford area. Six state search warrants and 7 federal search warrants were served, culminating in 1 1/2 gallons of PCP, 1.5 pounds of cocaine HCL, and 2 ounces of rock cocaine being seized. Twenty one arrested suspects are facing federal and state drug trafficking charges.

Family drug trafficking business results in losing a \$55,000 dishwasher machine, 3 pounds of black tar heroin, meth, cocaine, and the notes from the family on how not to get busted!

The Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force (MMCTF) and the Sonoma County Narcotic Task Force (SCNTF) dismantled a large-scale family drug trafficking operation. A search warrant was served, resulting in 3 pounds of black tar heroin, 3/4 pound of meth, and 3 ounces of cocaine being seized. A K-9 alerted on an empty dishwasher which resulted in \$55,000 in cash being found hidden inside. Also found were notes from the family members who were in jail on how not to get caught along with detailed information on the undercover task force agent who conducted the original investigation.

Three gang members wanted in several shootings arrested.

The **Southern Alameda County Gang Violence Suppression Task Force** (SACGVSTF) was involved in a high-speed pursuit of three “Surenos Pocos Locos” gang members. The gang members were wanted for their involvement in two shootings. A .380 caliber handgun that is believed to be the weapon used in the shootings was recovered after it was thrown from the suspect vehicle.

Cocaine dealer loses 2 pounds of cocaine HCL and 5 ounces of cocaine base.

The **Alameda County Narcotic Task Force** (ACNTF), along with the Oakland Police Department, ended a two-month investigation with the service of a search warrant in Oakland. Two pounds of cocaine HCL and 5 ounces of “rock” were seized.

Cocaine investigation nets 6.5 pounds of marijuana, a 350 plant indoor grow, and over \$200,000 in domestic and international bank accounts.

The **Alameda County Narcotic Task Force** (ACNTF), along with the Oakland Police Department, and WESTNET , concluded an eleven month cocaine investigation with the service of two search warrants. Six and a half pounds of marijuana, a 350 plant indoor grow operation, \$9,358 in cash, along with domestic and Bahamian bank accounts totaling \$226,000 were seized. The suspect claimed he was a compassionate caregiver who had a license to grow and sell marijuana.

Task Force agents stop a meth cooker from cooking herself in a trailer fire!

Members of the **Allied Riverside Cities Narcotic Enforcement Team** (ARCNET), the Riverside Sheriff’s Department, and San Jacinto Police conducted a probation search on a known meth cooker’s residential trailer. In a trailer where a small meth lab was found, a female suspect barricaded herself in the bathroom. Pepper gas failed to extract the suspect while she screamed she would shoot and kill the agents. The suspect started the trailer on fire as she remained barricaded in what was quickly becoming a death trap. The agents prevented the suspect from death by putting out the fire. A loaded sawed-off shotgun was found in the bathroom where the suspect had been barricaded.

Kids, guns, and meth labs do not mix!

A cooperative effort between the **Butte County Narcotic Task Force** (BINTF), the **Yuba/Sutter Task Force** (NET-5), and the Yuba and Sutter County Sheriff Departments resulted in a search warrant being served at a rural location in Butte County. An operational meth lab with two small children living at the location was found. The main suspect was in possession of a loaded weapon at the time of arrest.

1300 indoor grow marijuana plants, \$420,000 cash and a 40 foot open Sea Boat seized.

The **Coachella Valley Narcotic Task Force (CVNTF)** along with SIB-East, and Ventura County Narcotics Task Force concluded an investigation that resulted in the seizure of an indoor marijuana grow containing 1,300 plants, \$420,000 in bank accounts, and a 40-foot open sea boat.

Undercover case results in seizure of 60 pounds of meth.

Three Mexican national lab operators found out the hard way that their source person for 25 pounds of ephedrine was an agent from LA IMPACT. With the assistance of the San Bernardino Sheriffs Department, the suspects were surveilled as they cooked their meth. The case was concluded, and a large Mexican national meth lab along with **60 pounds** of meth were seized.

Death scene results in Quaalude lab seizure.

LA IMPACT responded to an LAPD Hollywood Division death scene. The apartment manager was cleaning the apartment for rental since the previous renter was found dead of unknown causes a few days earlier. The manager discovered a boxed lab that was determined to be a Methaqualone (Quaalude) lab.

Surveillance tip leads to seizure of over 2 tons of Marijuana.

LA IMPACT received a tip from the U.S. Customs Service about a residence in Artesia. Surveillance of the location revealed large packages being delivered to the home. A search warrant was served, and a total of 5,893 pounds of marijuana with a value of \$66,885,550 was seized. No one was at the residence, and no arrests were made. The investigation is continuing.

Surveillance of vehicle switch leads to seizure of 41 kilos of cocaine.

LA IMPACT received information from a confidential informant of a Mexican National Drug Trafficking Organization dealing in Cocaine. A vehicle switch occurred and the Excursion was stopped by CHP for traffic violations. A K-9 alerted in the interior of the Excursion and a hidden compartment containing 41 kilos of Cocaine was discovered. The two occupants were arrested and the investigation is continuing.

Armed robbers taken into custody.

LA IMPACT, ALERT - North and the LA Sheriff's Department Robbery and Gang Unit located and surveilled four vicious suspects in a series of "takeover" armed robberies of local businesses in the Lancaster and Palmdale area. One of the robberies resulted in a restaurant cook being shot who is in critical condition. The suspects were arrested, and 2 guns used in the robberies were seized from the suspect's rental cars.

Kern County location nets large Mexican national meth lab.

LA IMPACT CALMS, with the assistance of the Bakersfield Police Department, concluded an investigation into a Mexican national meth manufacturing group in Kern County. The service of two search warrants resulted in the seizure of 130 gallons of pseudoephedrine in solution, additional meth lab items, and chemicals. Three suspects were taken into custody.

Tip leads to seizure of large amount of meth, ICE, marijuana, and pistol-grip shotgun.

The **Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force** (MMCTF), following a tip, contacted a subject in a shopping mall parking lot. The subject was found with 4 ounces of meth. A search warrant of the subject's residence resulted in the seizure of 6 ounces of "ICE," 1 pound of meth, 1 pound of marijuana, trafficking items, and a loaded 12 gauge pistol-grip shotgun.

Interdiction team nets \$22,000 in cash.

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Hidden meth lab seized along with 3 gallons of meth in solution.

Members of the **San Bernardino County West End Narcotic Enforcement team** (SBWESTNET), along with ARCNET, Chino Police Department, Riverside BNE CALMS and VSP teams, and the Riverside Sheriff's Department, served a search warrant based upon information that a suspect with a prior arrest history of meth manufacturing was back in business. A search warrant resulted in the seizure of 2 meth labs (one being underground in a hidden room) and a shotgun. Several parts of stolen vehicles were also recovered at the site. Two suspects are in custody.

Interdiction team nets \$42,651 in cash.

San Diego Narcotics Team 8 members conducted a search of a suspected money courier at the San Diego International Airport and seized \$42,651 in cash.

METRO takes down 18 suspects, seizes drugs, and dismantles a meth trafficking organization.

The **San Joaquin County Metro Task Force**, along with Sacramento BNE, DEA, FBI, INS, and several other valley law enforcement agencies, ended a three-year investigation into a large meth trafficking organization in the Stockton area. Twenty search warrants were served, resulting in 18 suspects arrested, and one and a half (1 1/2) pounds of meth and 9 guns seized.

Search warrants seize drugs, stolen property, stolen vehicles, and environmental crimes.

The **San Luis Obispo County Narcotics Task Force** (SLOCNTF) along with 10 law enforcement agencies from San Luis Obispo County, served several search warrants on a drug trafficking organization. 2 ounces of meth, 1 ounce of "ICE" meth, 4 ounces of Marijuana, stolen cars and construction equipment were seized. 8 suspects were booked for various crimes including environmental crimes for disposing toxic chemicals into the ground and nearby Salinas River.

Vehicle pursuit and search nets 3 pounds of meth in Lompoc.

The **Santa Barbara Regional Narcotic Enforcement Team** (SBRNET) conducted an investigation of a parolee involved in meth trafficking. Upon contacting the parolee at his home, the parolee ran, and his wife drove from the scene in her vehicle. The parolee was apprehended, and the wife's vehicle was stopped by a CHP spike strip. The resulting investigation resulted in the seizure of 3 pounds of meth and \$1,182 in cash. Both husband and wife are in custody.

A father and son trafficking team arrested in Santa Barbara.

The **Santa Barbara Regional Narcotic Enforcement Team** (SBRNET), working with Culver City Narcotics and LA IMPACT Group 3, conducted an investigation into a father and son who were trafficking in cocaine and marijuana. The investigation ended with the seizure of 200 grams of marijuana, 7.5 grams of cocaine, and \$10,011 in cash. Both suspects are in custody.

Santa Maria buy-bust nets 3 pounds of meth and a trip to jail for two suspects.

The **Santa Barbara Regional Narcotic Enforcement Team** (SBRNET), working with the Santa Maria Police Department Narcotic Suppression Unit, conducted a buy-bust in the city of Santa Maria. Three pounds of meth were seized and two suspects arrested.

San Francisco search warrant nets 6.5 pounds of heroin.

The **West Contra Costa County Narcotic Enforcement Team** (West-NET), along with the FBI and DEA, served a search warrant in San Francisco and seized 6.5 pounds of heroin. One suspect was arrested with more arrests pending.

Richmond Buy-bust nets 1 kilo of cocaine and 3 suspects.

The **West Contra Costa County Narcotic Enforcement Team** (West-NET), along with the Richmond Police Department, completed a one-month investigation with a U/C buy-bust of 1 kilo of cocaine HCL. The suspect and two additional persons were arrested.

Buy-bust results in seizure of 20 pounds of meth.

The **West Contra Costa County Narcotic Enforcement Team** (West-NET), the **Central Contra Costa County Narcotic Enforcement Team** (CCC-NET), and the Concord Police Department conducted an undercover buy-bust for 20 pounds of meth. Three suspects were arrested. The main suspect was out on bail pending an earlier arrest for selling 2 pounds to an undercover agent.

Wire tap investigation of street gang results in 9 pounds of heroin, two cars, and \$29,663 in cash being seized.

West-NET, DEA, and the FBI concluded a 16month investigation involving the Project Trojans street gang. Three search warrants were served, resulting in 9 arrests, and 9 pounds of heroin, 2 cars, and \$29,663 in cash being seized.

1.4 pounds of “snow” seized along with \$22,000 in Lake Tahoe.

The **South Lake Tahoe El Dorado Narcotic Enforcement Team (SLEDNET)**, with the assistance of the Truckee Police Department, South Lake Tahoe Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff's Department, Washoe County Sheriff's Department, and the Consolidated Narcotics Unit, concluded a three-month undercover narcotic investigation with the arrest of three suspects after they delivered 1/4 pound of cocaine to undercover agents in Incline Village, NV. Two search warrants were served at the suspect's residences in Kings Beach, CA. One pound of cocaine, \$10,730, and a bank account containing approximately \$11,000 were seized.

Correctional officer arrested with methamphetamine.

The **Yolo County Narcotic Enforcement Team (YONET)** conducted a follow-up search warrant in Vacaville, CA. Seized during the search warrant were approximately 54.6 grams of methamphetamine, 32.3 grams of marijuana, and a 22 caliber rifle. A resident at the location was found to be in possession of 1.3 grams of methamphetamine and was identified as a correctional officer for the California Department of Corrections, Correctional Medical Facility in Vacaville.

Search warrant seizes 12.5 pounds of methamphetamine and large Laboratory.

Agents from the **West Contra Costa County Narcotics Enforcement Team** (West-NET), assisted by the San Pablo Police Department, served a search warrant at a residence in San Pablo. A pseudoephedrine extraction laboratory, 12.5 pounds of methamphetamine, 9.5 pounds of processed pseudoephedrine, approximately 50 pounds of red phosphorous, chemicals, glassware, laboratory apparatus, a machine pistol, and one handgun were seized. Three suspects were arrested.

3.5 pounds of meth and \$13,000 seized.

The **Sonoma County Narcotic Task Force (SCNTF)** conducted a controlled purchase of methamphetamine from a residence in Santa Rosa. A search warrant was served. Seized from inside a wall in the residence were 3.5 pounds of methamphetamine and 64 ounces of meth oil; \$13,900 was seized from a bedroom. Two suspects were arrested.

Hells Angels associate leads to 1.75 pounds of meth, a meth lab, guns, and cash.

A San Francisco BNE agent assigned to the **North Bay Regional Gang Task Force (NBRGTF)** conducted an investigation of an associate of the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club. Based upon the investigation, a search warrant was served at a residence in Sonoma. Seized were 1.75 pounds of methamphetamine, \$1,420, a methamphetamine laboratory, a stolen Intertech 22, and a submachine pistol with a silencer. Two suspects were arrested.

Former NTF agent arrested in sting operation.

The **Solano County Narcotic Enforcement Team (Sol-NET)** had an informant who had information involving a Rio Vista police officer (a former member of Sol-NET) who uses methamphetamine. A sting operation was conducted, and the officer was arrested after he failed to book the "found" evidence of methamphetamine and for lying about how he had "found" it.

7.2 pounds of ICE and \$24,000 seized.

The **Santa Clara County Specialized Enforcement Team (SCCNET)** concluded a two-month investigation with the service of a search warrant at a residence in San Jose. Seized were 7.2 pounds of ICE methamphetamine, \$24,000, 2 handguns, and 3 vehicles. Two suspects were arrested, and the children were placed into the custody of CPS.

OCDETF investigation nets 5 pounds of meth, a meth lab, guns, and cash.

A two-year OCDETF investigation involving a trafficking organization in the Hollister area was completed by the service of three search warrants by the **United Narcotic Enforcement Team (UNET)**, **SouthBay Methamphetamine Task Force (SBMTF)**, FBI, and the San Benito County Sheriff's Office. Seized during the investigation was 5 pounds of methamphetamine, 1 pound of marijuana, a lab site, 3 rifles, and \$10,000.

Fire erupts while lab team processes Mexican national super lab.

Agents from the **Fresno Methamphetamine Task Force (FMTF)** and the **Madera County Narcotic Enforcement Team (MADNET)** were processing the scene of a Mexican national super lab in rural Madera County that had previously exploded. While agents moved items on the floor of the lab, red phosphorus had converted to white phosphorus and immediately igniting, starting a fire. Agents were forced to abandon the site and evacuate local neighbors while the local fire department returned to the scene to put out the fire. An assessment of the laboratory indicated that the suspects operated four (4) 22 liter vessels, iced methamphetamine with acetone in the refrigerator, were heavily armed with an assault rifle, two (2) handguns, night vision, and utilized a wireless surveillance system.

Six-year investigation results in 20 arrests, drugs, weapons, vehicles, and cash.

Fresno BNE agents, assisted by members of the FBI, Tulare Sheriff's Department, Kern Sheriff's Department, Bakersfield PD, CHP, DEA, Porterville PD, U.S. Customs Service, U.S. Border Patrol, Kings Sheriff's Department, ATF, Visalia PD, and the **Southern Tri-County HIDTA**, conducted 20 federal search warrants and numerous federal arrest warrants in rural southern Tulare County. These raids were the culmination of a six year-investigation. Over 20 individuals were arrested. Over three pounds of methamphetamine; a small, operational methamphetamine laboratory; 12 handguns; eight long guns, six vehicles; and \$35,000 were seized.

Property owner helps foil meth manufacturing group.

Agents from the **Merced Mariposa Narcotic Task Force (MMNTF)** located remnants of a methamphetamine laboratory in an apartment attached to an almond hulling plant in rural Merced County. The property owner allowed surveillance equipment to be installed in an attempt to arrest the suspects when they returned to conduct additional manufacture. A few weeks later the alarm was activated. The suspects had returned and were manufacturing methamphetamine. A fully operational laboratory was seized along with sufficient chemicals to produce 30 to 36 pounds of methamphetamine. Four suspects were arrested.

Investigation leads to 25 arrests, 35 weapons, marijuana, methamphetamine, and \$25,000 being seized.

The **San Luis Obispo County Narcotic Task Force (SLOCNTF)** completed a six-month investigation into a major drug-dealing organization in and around the Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach, and Oceano area by serving 31 search warrants. Twenty-five suspects were arrested; 3.2 pounds of methamphetamine, 11 pounds of marijuana, 3 ounces of cocaine, 35 firearms, \$25,000, a car and boat were seized.

“Super lab” seized in Hawthorne.

Members of the **Los Angeles IMPACT ALERT South** team, assisted by **LAPD CALMS** and **LA BNE**, conducted a search warrant in Hawthorne where an operational, cooking Mexican national “super lab” was seized. Three 22 liter flasks, (two of which were actively cooking methamphetamine), one gallon of suspected methamphetamine in solution, 24 pounds of pseudoephedrine, 2 pounds of red phosphorus, 2 pounds of iodine, along with numerous lab items were seized. Four suspects were arrested.

Wiretap investigation nets 16 pounds of meth, 3 meth labs, 8 vehicles, 2 homes, 12 suspects and a connection to a Middle East terrorist group.

Los Angeles IMPACT Group II, assisted by the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department, Monterey Park Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, and the Baldwin Park Police Department, culminated a year-long wiretap investigation targeted at members of a La Puente street gang. Search warrants for nine residences within San Bernardino and Los Angeles Counties were served. Twelve suspects were arrested. Sixteen pounds of methamphetamine, 5 pounds of iodine, 25 pounds of pseudoephedrine, 3 clandestine methamphetamine labs, 8 vehicles, and 2 residences were seized. Detectives also learned that a Florida terrorism task force had identified one of the primary members arrested as a money supplier for a terrorism group in the Middle East.

130 pounds of marijuana and \$25,000 seized.

Los Angeles ASaLT members conducted surveillance of two residences in Los Angeles involved in trafficking marijuana. During surveillance, three vehicles were stopped with 30 pounds of marijuana. Search warrants were served at two residences. Seized from the residences were a 9 mm pistol, 102 pounds of marijuana, a 100-pound scale, and packaging material; \$25,000 was seized from three suspects who were arrested.

Wiretap investigation leads to 5,102 pounds of marijuana seized.

Los Angeles ASaLT concluded a joint wiretap with the DEA, LASD, and El Monte Police Department in the service of a search warrant in Riverside. Seized at the residence were 5,102.2 pounds of marijuana valued at \$2,040,880 and \$1,500. Nine suspects were arrested.

6.6 pounds of heroin seized.

The **Los Angeles IMPACT Crime Task Force COIN Team** conducted an undercover investigation into two suspects who agreed to sell the U/C agent and a CI 6.6 pounds of black tar heroin for \$35,000. The suspects were arrested after showing the heroin to the agent.

\$135,300 in money orders to be sent to terrorist group intercepted.

The **Public and Commercial Narcotic Enforcement Team (PACNET)** of Orange BNE arrested a suspect who had attempted to send \$135,300 in money orders, that were hidden in two Day Planners, to Beirut Lebanon. The suspect is believed to be sending money to Beirut to the terrorist organization Hezbollah.

Wiretap case leads to seizure of over 400 pounds of cocaine, 4 pounds of ICE, and cash.

The **INCA Task Force** and DEA Southwest Border Group 3 have been involved in a wiretap investigation targeting a Mexico-and Southern California-based drug trafficking organization. To date, over 390 pounds of cocaine and several hundred thousand dollars in drug proceeds have been seized. The latest seizure of 18 kilograms of cocaine and 4 pounds of ICE methamphetamine occurred when INCA agents observed the transfer of a load vehicle at a shopping mall in Rowland Heights. A marked CHP unit conducted the stop and a search of the vehicle found the drugs hidden behind the rear seat.

47 people arrested for drug sales at music festival.

The **Coachella Valley Narcotics Task Force (CVNTF)**, with the assistance of ABC, **Palm Springs Narcotic Task Force, WESTNET, PNVNTF**, and Chino PD, conducted an undercover buy operation at the Coachella Music & Art Festival. A total of 46 adults and 1 juvenile were arrested for selling various drugs to the undercover agents. Methamphetamine, ecstasy, marijuana, and psilocybin mushrooms were seized.

Border run from Tijuana, Mexico, to Chicago nets a ton of marijuana worth \$5,000,000.

San Diego BNE Agents assigned to the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (BICE) **Marine Task Force** utilized a confidential informant to negotiate the delivery of one ton of marijuana from the San Diego border to Chicago ILL. The task force members took delivery of the marijuana shipment from Tijuana, Mexico, from the suspect and utilized a United States military C-9 medical transport plane to transport the marijuana to Chicago. With the assistance of the Illinois State Police, DEA, Chicago PD, and Bolingbrook PD, The BICE Task Force successfully negotiated the undercover delivery to the suspect and his two accomplices. All three suspects were arrested.

17 pounds of cocaine found in horse feed bags.

The **San Diego BNE Border Interdiction Team (BIT)** conducted surveillance of a pickup truck believed to be involved in trafficking drugs. The vehicle was followed to the Palm Springs area. With the assistance of the Palm Springs Narcotic Task Force and CHP, the truck was stopped. Agents utilized a narcotic-trained K-9 and obtained consent to search the vehicle from the driver, where they recovered approximately 17.70 pounds of cocaine packaged in small kilo bricks, hidden inside of two horse feed bags in the bed of the truck. Both suspects were arrested.

Undercover operation nets four pounds of heroin and a Mexican federal police officer.

The **Imperial County Narcotic Task Force (ICNTF)**, assisted by San Diego BNE, Chula Vista PD, and the BICE Marine Task Force, conducted a U/C operation to purchase four pounds of heroin. When the suspects brought the heroin to the U/C agents, they also brought with them a Mexican federal police officer (PGR) who was wearing his uniform shirt. Four suspects were arrested.

Undercover operation nets 54 pounds of high-grade methamphetamine.

The Imperial County Narcotic Task Force (ICNTF) negotiated a purchase for 60 pounds of methamphetamine from a known drug trafficker from Mexicali. With the assistance of LA IMPACT and the CHP, the suspect was arrested with 53 pounds of methamphetamine as he was delivering it to the U/C.

16.5 pounds of heroin seized by Airport Team.

San Diego Narcotic Task Force Team 8 (Airport Team)

agents made an arrest of a suspect in possession of 16.5 pounds of heroin with an estimated street value of \$1,120,650.

Heroin hidden inside of jackets seized before being transported on Greyhound Bus.

San Diego Narcotic Task Force Team 8 (Airport Team)

received information of a heroin trafficking organization who transported heroin in the linings of jackets. Team 8 members found the suspect as he was awaiting to make a delivery of the jackets. A narcotic canine was used to check the vehicle for the presence of narcotics. A search of the vehicle located a duffel bag in the backseat containing 5 jackets. Each jacket contained 1.1 pounds of heroin sewn into the linings.