

Significant Violence Suppression Cases

Home Invasion robbery group foiled by VSP Team.

The Los Angeles VSP team developed information on a home invasion group preparing to commit a vicious home invasion robbery. VSP agents stopped the two suspects as they were en route to commit the crime. A 9mm handgun was taken from the suspects, and a search warrant of the residence revealed two assault rifles, two shotguns, three long rifles, four handguns, and some methamphetamine.

Violent Asian gang members conspire to kill CHP officer assigned to BNE VSU team in Redding.

A violent Asian gang member was wounded in a shootout when he rammed his getaway car into a Redding VSU Task Force vehicle. While in jail he conspired with his brother to have the task force officer killed. Redding BNE VSU took the lead along with CHP and the Shasta County Sheriff's Department. A search warrant of the brother's residence revealed a AR-15 assault rifle with a 35mm grenade launcher, ammunition, and incriminating documents. Both brothers are now in custody.

Vagos motorcycle gang loses meth lab and several weapons.

Los Angeles VSP agents and the FBI served an arrest warrant from an investigation of the Vagos motorcycle gang. At the location a meth lab was seized along with 22 firearms including an UZI submachine gun and custom-made zip gun. The LA ALERT team responded to investigate the meth lab. In a piggyback warrant, 2 ounces of meth, assorted pharmaceutical drugs, and a shotgun were seized.

Robbery suspect arrested with robbery note, gun, and drugs.

San Diego VSP agents, along with the San Diego County Jurisdictions Unified for Drug Gang Enforcement (JUDGE) Task Force, arrested a suspect wanted for four armed robberies. Upon his arrest, the suspect had a loaded 9mm pistol, a handwritten note demanding money, and a small amount of meth and marijuana.

Joint operation nets \$376,000 in cash, \$64,000 in gold coins, 4,000 indoor grow marijuana plants, and 75 pounds of processed marijuana.

Redding BNE VSP concluded a three-month investigation into the commercial cultivation of marijuana and the laundering of U.S. currency in southern Humboldt and northern Mendocino Counties. Six search warrants were served at various residences and grow locations in Humboldt and Mendocino Counties. Sixty-eight firearms, \$376,118 in currency, \$64,750 in South African and Canadian gold coins, 3 grams of heroin, 4,013 marijuana plants, and 75 pounds of dried marijuana bud with a combined value of \$5,375,300 were seized. Seven suspects were arrested.

The California Highway Patrol, Humboldt County Drug Task Force, Humboldt County Marijuana Eradication Team, Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force, and the Redding BNE financial auditor team assisted with this investigation.

VSP uses cell phone signal to locate kidnap suspect and victim.

Los Angeles VSP agents assisted the Downey Police Department on a kidnapping case. Through the use of an emergency wiretap order for the suspect's cellular phone, VSP agents were able to determine the suspect's location while traveling through California towards the Oregon border. VSP Agents contacted the California Highway Patrol, Red Bluff Station, who conducted a fixed surveillance along Interstate 5. Within 30 minutes the CHP officers spotted the suspect's vehicle traveling northbound on I-5. With assistance of the Red Bluff Police Department, CHP units arrested the suspect and found the kidnap victim shaken but unharmed.

One lab site leads to seizure of drugs, additional labs, and vehicles.

Los Angeles VSP, with the assistance of the LA BNE ASaLT, CALMS, and ALERT teams, discovered an extraction laboratory at the residence of a parole-at-large. Further information developed into the service of four search warrants. Agents seized three operational laboratories, methamphetamine, marijuana, ephedrine, precursor chemicals, two handguns, an assault rifle, a 2002 Chevy Tahoe, and a 2002 Cadillac Escalade. Seven suspects were arrested.

FBI fugitive wanted for large embezzlement arrested with cash and a gun.

Redding VSP assisted the Federal Bureau of Investigation in serving a no bail warrant for a Southern California accountant who embezzled \$336,000. Redding VSU agents developed information that the suspect was in Siskiyou County. The suspect was located and taken into custody without incident. A handgun and over \$10,000 was seized from the suspect.