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Gang and Gun Arrest

CASE #: 17-00916

DATE / TIME: 02/02/2017 6:00 PM

LOCATION: 100 block of Jefferson St., Watsonville, CA

TYPE OF CRIME:

- 25850(c)(3) PC – Carry a loaded firearm by a gang member
- 25850(c)(6) PC – Carry a loaded handgun and not the reg. owner
- 25850(c)(4) PC – Carry a loaded firearm by a prohibited person
- 25850(c)(1) PC – Carry a loaded firearm with previous Felony conv.
- 30305(a)(1) PC – Illegal possession of ammunition
- 186.22(A) PC – Participation in a criminal street gang
- 186.22(B)(1) PC – Participate and promote criminal gang activity
- 1203.2 PC – Probation violation
- 182 PC – Conspiracy to possess a loaded gun

SUSPECTS ARRESTED:



Daniel Paiagua, age 19
Watsonville resident



Rodrigo Garcia, age 19
Watsonville resident



DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

On February 2nd, Santa Cruz County Anti Crime Team (SCCACT) Gang Task Force Officers responded to the 100 block of Jefferson Street in Watsonville for a report of gang members smoking marijuana in or near a vehicle. Upon further investigation officers found documented Norteno gang members Daniel Paniagua and Rodrigo Garcia sitting in the vehicle. The officers knew Garcia was



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on current probation with search terms for weapons and gang material (indicia). Garcia and Paniagua appeared very nervous and were reaching to areas hidden from the officer's view. For their safety, the Officers detained the men and saw a loaded 9mm handgun on the floorboard near where Garcia had been seated. Officers also found two walkie-talkie radios in the car. A records check on the gun revealed that neither suspect owned the gun.

Gang Task Force Officers arrested Paniagua and Garcia for the listed charges and additionally booked Garcia for a probation violation.

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