



# SCCACT Press Release

## Gang Task Force / Narcotics Task Force

### Firearm and Drug Arrest

Case #: 16-09150

Date/Time of Incident: 11/16/2016 at 5:46 pm

Location: 1830 Freedom Blvd, Watsonville (Shell Gas Station)

Crime Type: 29800(a)(1) PC – Felon in Possession of a Firearm (felony)  
25400(c)(3) PC – Carry concealed weapon while in a street gang (felony)  
30305(a)1 PC – Felon in possession of ammunition (felony)  
25400(a)(1) PC – Carry concealed firearm in a vehicle (misdemeanor)  
23900 PC – Altered/Obliterated serial number on a firearm (felony)  
186.22(b)(1) PC – Promote criminal gang conduct (felony)  
11350(a) HS – Possession of controlled substance (misdemeanor)  
11352(a) HS – Unlawful transportation of controlled substance (felony)  
3454 PC – Viol. of probation on Post Release Community Supervision

Suspects Arrested:



Weapon and Drugs Seized



Pedro Magana Jr.

Age: 29

Watsonville resident



Oscar Espinoza

Age: 27

Watsonville resident

On 11/16/2016, the Santa Cruz County Anti-Crime Team/Gang Task Force (SCCACT/GTF) Agents were driving in the area of Freedom Blvd. and Green Valley Rd. in Watsonville. Agents saw Oscar Espinoza get into a vehicle and drive to the Shell Gas Station. Agents knew that Espinoza was on active Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and can be searched for non-authorized or illegal items.

Agents contacted Espinoza and the driver of the vehicle, Pedro Magana Jr. Based on Espinoza's terms of PRCS, which authorized Peace Officers to conduct a compliance search of Espinoza, the vehicle was searched.



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During the search a loaded .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun was located hidden in the center console. Agents discovered the serial numbers on the handgun had been removed and were not visible. The handgun was within reach of both Espinoza and Magana. During a search of Magana's pockets incident to his arrest, 4.4 grams of cocaine was located.

Espinoza and Magana were arrested on the listed charges. In addition Espinoza was arrested for violation of his PRCS terms.

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