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## MULTI-AGENCY INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARRESTS

### *Officers Arrest Father and Son*

BOISE, Idaho — Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Special Agent in Charge Kelvin N. Crenshaw announced today the arrests of Alfredo Esparza Sr., and his son, Lucio Esparza on federal drug charges. The two held leadership roles for the West Side Loma Locos, a violent street gang operating in Canyon County, Idaho.

The extensive, multi-agency investigation culminated with the early morning arrests of the two local gang members and the execution of four federal search warrants in Canyon County. Approximately eight months ago investigators from ATF, DEA, FBI, IRS, Caldwell Police Department, Canyon County Sheriff's Office, and the Metro Violent Crimes Task force, working jointly, perfected a federal criminal case against Alfredo Esparza, Sr., his son, Lucio Esparza, and others.

"Today's events, again showed our continued commitment to combat violent crime and take back the streets. This could not have been accomplished without the nonstop cooperation of our fellow law enforcement agencies," said Crenshaw.

At the time of their arrests, the subjects were charged with distributing methamphetamine. During the execution of search warrants, numerous firearms, narcotics, a large sum of money and eight vehicles, along with a residence were seized. In addition to federal narcotics trafficking charges, the two could possibly face indictment for violating federal firearms and money laundering statutes.

During the execution of simultaneous search warrants, a Caldwell home at 1620 Fillmore and a Nampa residence at 1007 Chicago were secured by an ATF Special Response Team. At that time, Canyon County Sheriff's SWAT members secured a residence at 801 Garden Valley Street in Nampa. Officers from the Nampa Police Department and Idaho State Police provided additional support to the warrant teams.

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The public is reminded that all persons arrested are only alleged to have committed a crime. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it is the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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