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SEARCH WARRANT LEADS TO DISCOVERY OF ILLEGAL FIREARMS AND NARCOTICS

RIVERSIDE, CA – During the month of December in 2018, detectives from the Riverside Police Department's Narcotics Unit received information regarding a residence in the 19000 Block of Caledonia Drive in Riverside that was possibly involved with trafficking illegal narcotics. During their investigation, multiple surveillance operations were conducted at this Orangecrest neighborhood home where detectives observed behavior consistent with the sales of illegal narcotics and the possession of firearms by a prohibited person.

Based on their observations and developing information, Narcotics Unit detectives obtained a search warrant for this residence. Since this investigation involved weapons and a potential for violence, the Riverside Police Department's METRO Team (SWAT) assisted with the service of the search warrant early this morning on Friday, January 25, 2019. The house was entered by SWAT and safely secured. Detectives then conducted their search and located numerous items of evidence that included suspected methamphetamine and items consistent with drug sales, numerous completed and illegally manufactured AR Style assault rifles of different calibers and without serial

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numbers, hundreds of rounds of live ammunition, along with various firearm parts and accessories used to manufacture AR style assault rifles.

The primary resident of this house was contacted and identified as Jeffrey Johnson, 53-years-old of Riverside. A records check showed he was a previously convicted felon discharged from federal probation last year, and detectives found him to be responsible for the possession and manufacturing of these illegal firearms, along with the possession of Methamphetamine for the purposes of sales. Due to the firearm related violations, agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) responded and are assisting the Narcotics Unit.

This investigation is still ongoing and no other details are available at this time. Anyone with information is urged to contact Detective Christi Arnold at (951) 353-7221 or CArnold@riversideca.gov. Those wishing to remain anonymous can email rpdtips@riversideca.gov or utilize the Riverside Police Department's mobile app "Submit a Tip" feature while referencing incident number 190002735.



JEFFREY JOHNSON



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