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PROBATION SEARCH LEADS TO LARGEST METHAMPHETAMINE BUST IN DEPARTMENT HISTORY

Sacramento, CA- On August 29, 2018, the Sacramento County Probation Department's Gang Suppression Unit, arrested Gabriel Arauza, 29 years of age, after officers confiscated over 30 pounds of crystal methamphetamine at a residence on the 5300 block of 47th Avenue.

Probation Officers contacted Arauza, who is on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and has a history of sales of narcotics, on the 5300 block of 47th Avenue. After engagement with the subject, officers discovered information leading them to an additional residence the subject had been attempting to conceal from his probation officer. A cursory search of this location lead officers to believe some type of illegal drug operation was being conducted within the residence. A search warrant was obtained to allow for a more thorough search of the residence. During the search, officers located a small amount of heroin, ammunition, and over 30 pounds of methamphetamine. The street value of the seizure is estimated to be around \$500,000. This is the largest seizure of methamphetamine in the department's history.

Probation Officers arrested Arauza on a Flash Incarceration and Possession for Sale-Methamphetamine. He is being held on a \$1,000,000 bond at the County Jail. His next court appearance is scheduled September 24, 2018.

"This is the biggest meth seizure in the history of the Probation Department. Members of the County Board of Supervisors are proud of the diligent work the Probation Officers within the Gang Suppression Unit are doing to keep the public safe by being proactive and holding offenders accountable," reports the County Board Chair Susan Peters.

The Probation Department's Gang Suppression Unit is recognized as one of the most experienced and knowledgeable law enforcement gang units within Sacramento County. The Gang Suppression Unit works closely with the Sacramento Sheriff's Department, the



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Sacramento Police Department, the District Attorney's Office and other law enforcement agencies in a joint effort to suppress gang activity within the Sacramento region.

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Gabriel Arauza

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