



WESTSIDE INTERAGENCY NARCOTICS TEAM (WIN)

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WIN Arrests Two and Seizes Meth

May 23, 2013 -- A traffic stop led to the seizure of three-and-a-half pounds of Methamphetamine (meth) along with a gun and cash. Two men were arrested on drug trafficking charges.

On Thursday morning, May 23, 2013, members of the Westside Interagency Narcotics (WIN) Team directed a patrol unit to make a traffic stop on 26-year-old Gerardo Barriga-Avalos. He was stopped and arrested in Hillsboro and two pounds of meth was seized.

The investigation led to investigators seizing a half pound of meth from a storage unit in Hillsboro. They seized another pound of meth from 1192 NE Grant St. in Hillsboro. During the search of the residence, investigators seized over \$14,000.00 in cash and a Glock handgun. Manuel Avalos-Pina, 28, was arrested at the residence.

Both men were taken to the Washington County Jail and charged with Possession and Distribution of a Controlled Substance. They are being held on \$500,000.00 bail. The street value of the drugs seized is well over \$30,000.00.

Due to the nature of the investigation, no further details are being released at this time.

RELATED Information:

Members of WIN include; Washington County Sheriff's Office, Beaverton Police Dept., Hillsboro Police Dept., Tigard Police Dept., Tualatin Police Dept., Sherwood Police Dept., National Guard, US Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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