



## YUBA SUTTER NARCOTIC AND GANG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

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### **Drug Trafficking Operation Taken Down by Law Enforcement**

A multi-year investigation by the Yuba Sutter Narcotic and Gang Enforcement Task Force (NET-5) in partnership with the United State Drug Enforcement Agency into elements of a transnational drug trafficking organization (“DTO”) culminated Wednesday with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies serving 20 search warrants throughout Yuba, Tehama, Sutter, and Butte Counties.

Through patience and hard work, investigators revealed a group of family members engaged in drug trafficking, moving hundreds, if not thousands of pounds of methamphetamine, fentanyl, and other drugs, from Mexico into California and beyond. The family of traffickers imported the drugs and sold them to street-level dealers throughout Northern California.

During the execution of the search warrants on March 26, 2025, law enforcement officers disrupted two clandestine drug labs, and found and seized firearms, ammunition, drugs, scales, and other packaging consistent with drug sales. As of today, the investigation has resulted in the seizure of the following:

|                 | <u>Prior to 3/26/25</u> | <u>On 3/26/25</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Methamphetamine | 335.7 lb.               | 6.7 lb.           | 342.4 lb.    |
| Heroin          | 8.8 lb.                 | -                 | 8.8 lb.      |
| Fentanyl        | 1,542 pills             | 14 pills          | 1,556 pills  |
| Cocaine         | .45 lb.                 | .26 lb.           | .71 lb.      |
| Marijuana       | -                       | 17 lb.            | 17 lb.       |
| Firearms        | 3                       | 6                 | 9            |
| US Currency     | \$153,154               | TBD               |              |

Drug seizures on March 26, 2025, were lower than anticipated. Based on information from confidential sources, members of the DTO have complained about the shortage of drugs caused by recent changes at the United States border that increased security. We are thankful to President Donald J. Trump and his administration for taking steps to shut down the flow of poison from abroad.

Officers arrested 20 persons on March 26, 2025, putting the total arrests from this investigation at 45. See the attached list of the individuals arrested on Wednesday. Further questions about the individuals arrested should be directed to the office with responsibility for prosecution of the case.

Over 125 law enforcement personnel participated in the operation. Tragically, one of those officers lost his life executing a search warrant at Kestrel Court in Olivehurst. Marysville Police Officer Osmar Rodarte was killed while helping the Yuba-Sutter Regional S.W.A.T. team secure the residence. Rick David Oliver ambushed officers inside the house, shooting Officer Rodarte. Officer Rodarte and one of his teammates returned fire, killing Oliver. Officer Rodarte died from his wounds a short time later at Adventist Rideout Hospital.

Rick David Oliver was the target of the search warrant served on Kestrel Court. He was identified during the investigation as a low-level dealer helping distribute drugs in the area. Oliver was a registered sex offender, with prior convictions for soliciting lewd acts in public, indecent exposure, and felony unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor. He also had a history of drug offenses and failing to appear in court. As a felon, Oliver was prohibited from legally acquiring or possessing a firearm.

Our hearts are broken for Officer Rodarte, his family, and our entire law enforcement community. The Yuba Sutter Narcotic and Gang Enforcement Task Force (NET-5) would like to thank our federal, state, and local partners who helped bring this major investigation to a conclusion:

- Marysville Police Department
- Yuba City Police Department
- Yuba County Sheriff's Office
- Yuba County District Attorney's Office
- Sutter County Sheriff's Office
- Sutter County District Attorney's Office
- Butte County Sheriff's Office
- Butte County District Attorney's Office
- Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF)
- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- California Highway Patrol
- Colusa County Sheriff's Office
- Sutter County Probation Office
- Tehama County Sheriff's Office
- United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California
- United States Drug Enforcement Agency
- United States Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Wheatland Police Department
- Yolo County Sheriff's Office
- Yuba County Probation Office

Thank you also to the firemen, ambulance personnel, and hospital staff that fought to save Officer Rodarte's life.

Respectfully,

Clinton J. Curry  
Narcotics and Gang Task Force Council Chairman

## Persons Arrested March 26, 2025

| Name                | Age | Location of Arrest         | Charges  | Charge Disposition           |
|---------------------|-----|----------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Allegret, Kimberly  | 41  | Brooks Ave., Yuba City     | HS11395, HS11377, HS11364                        | Booked - Sutter County Jail  |
| Ballard, Sara       | 50  | Virgina Ave., Olivehurst   | HS11351, HS11377(a)(1)<br>HS11364,               | Booked - Yuba County Jail    |
| Blake, Kelly        | 47  | 5th Ave., Tehama           | PC29800, PC30305                                 | Booked-Tehama County Jail    |
| Bowman, Gregory     | 58  | Butte House Rd., Yuba City | HS11378  | Booked - Sutter County Jail  |
| Bridges, Joshua     | 51  | Butte House Rd., Yuba City | HS11377  | Cited - Sutter County Courts |
| Calderon, Lucila    | 40  | Woodbridge St., Yuba City  | HS11370.1, HS11378                               | Booked - Sutter County Jail  |
| Cheng, Za           | 46  | Stump Dr., Oroville        | HS11378, HS11366.5,<br>HS11359, PC30305, PC530.5 | Booked - Butte County Jail   |
| Ferguson, Patrick   | 64  | Butte House Rd., Yuba City | HS11379.6, HS11378,<br>HS11377                   | Booked - Sutter County Jail  |
| Guzman-Flores, Erik | 27  | Percy Ave., Yuba City      | HS11377  | Cited - Sutter County Courts |
| Kimerer, Steffanie  | 43  | Shakewood Dr., Yuba City   | PC29800, PC30305, PC597,<br>HS11377              | Booked - Sutter County Jail  |
| Metcalf, David      | 56  | Broadway, Live Oak         | HS11395, HS11377                                 | Booked - Sutter County Jail  |
| Moore, Julian       | 35  | Shakewood Dr., Yuba City   | PC273a(a), PC29800,<br>PC30305, HS11350, HS11377 | Booked - Sutter County Jail  |
| Nichols, Lisa       | 50  | Q St., Live Oak            | PC23900 PC, PC29800(a)(1)                        | Cited - Sutter County Courts |
| Nichols, Todd       | 53  | Q St., Live Oak            | HS11395  | Booked - Sutter County Jail  |
| Pennock, Tabbitha   | 38  | 5th Ave., Tehama           | HS350  | Booked-Tehama County Jail    |
| Roberts, Shurron    | 58  | Market St., Yuba City      | HS11378  | Booked - Sutter County Jail  |
| Roth, Greg          | 47  | Melvina Ave., Palermo      | HS11366, HS11377, HS11350                        | Booked - Butte County Jail   |
| Saecho, Nai         | 43  | Stump Dr., Oroville        | HS11378, HS11366.5,<br>HS11359, PC30305, PC530.5 | Booked - Butte County Jail   |
| Smith, Katherine    | 63  | Q St., Live Oak            | HS11351, HS11395, PC29800,<br>PC30305, PC23900   | Booked - Sutter County Jail  |
| Spradley, James     | 43  | Q St., Live Oak            | HS11395  | Booked - Sutter County Jail  |