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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Search warrant Service At The
Purple Plum Fruit Stand Yields Arrests And Meth.**

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims announced today that the Sheriff Department's South West Narcotics Enforcement Team, (Southwest NET), concluded an investigation with the service of a narcotics search warrant at The Purple Plum Fruit Stand, 6872 S. Academy, Parlier, and a residence in the 100 block of East Street in Parlier.

Investigators received information that 43 year old Jose Mata, a clerk at the fruit stand, was selling methamphetamine while working behind the counter of the fruit stand. Investigators were able to confirm this information and served the search warrant assisted by the Reedley Police Department. Five and one half ounces of crystal methamphetamine and over an ounce of cocaine were located under the cash register of the fruit stand. The narcotics were broken down into 273 small packages for sale. A handgun and sawed off rifle were located behind the sales counter. An additional four ounces of crystal methamphetamine, scales and packaging material was located at Mata's residence. The street value of the seized narcotics is approximately \$13,000.00.

Jose Mata was arrested for possession of narcotics for sale and weapons violations. Judy James, 44 years old, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine. Both were later booked into the Fresno County Jail.

The Sheriff's Department urges members of the community to call the Narcotics Hotline at **1-800-660-1086** and report allegations of illegal narcotics activity. Callers can remain anonymous.

Additionally, anyone with information on wanted suspects is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at **498-STOP (7867)**. Rewards for information leading to the suspect's capture is available and callers can remain anonymous.