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MEDIA ADVISORY: Deputies Discover PCP Lab

Investigators from the Fresno Methamphetamine Task Force are seeking the public's assistance in locating the person, or persons, responsible for a PCP lab located in the area of Armstrong & Church avenues just southeast of Fresno.

On May 17 at approximately 8:15am, patrol deputies were dispatched to the 1300 block of S. Armstrong Ave. regarding a public hazard call.

Upon arrival, deputies located what appeared to be a methamphetamine dump just off the roadway, and requested investigators from the Fresno Meth Task Force and environmental health officials to respond. It was later determined to be an actual PCP lab.

The investigation discovered all of the equipment and chemicals needed to make PCP, including over 60 pounds of potassium cyanide and 76 pounds of bromobenzene.

According to investigators, potassium cyanide, when mixed with other specific chemicals, makes cyanide gas and is fatal. Bromobenzene is also very dangerous and being exposed to it can cause cancer.

Based on the amount of equipment and chemicals, it was determined that the lab could have produced in excess of 30 pounds of PCP, with the street value being approximately \$90,000.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact investigators at the Fresno Methamphetamine Task Force at 457-5000, or CrimeStoppers at 498-STOP(7867).