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MEDIA ADVISORY: Two Arrested On Narcotics Charges

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced the arrest of two Dinuba men on narcotics charges. Arrested were 27 year old Pedro Bravo and 23 year old Abel Frausto.

On July 11th at approximately 2:00 pm, detectives from the department's Narcotics Enforcement Team initiated a vehicle stop on South & Hill avenues near the City of Orange Cove. Before the vehicle came to a stop, the passenger, later identified as Frausto, exited the vehicle and ran into a nearby orchard. Frausto was holding a clear plastic baggie that contained a white colored substance. As he ran, it appeared that he was attempting to empty the contents of the baggie onto the ground.

Detectives immediately detained the driver, later identified as Bravo, and then started into the orchard after Frausto. Detectives chased Frausto through the orchard but lost sight of him when he disappeared into some farm buildings. As detectives searched the area, witnesses directed them to a cold storage shed where Frausto was apparently hiding.

When detectives approached the shed, they encountered Frausto exiting the front door. They attempted to arrest Frausto but he physically resisted. After a brief struggle he was taken into custody.

Detectives then searched the vehicle and the area of the orchard where Frausto had run. With the assistance of narcotics canine "Cody", approximately 1 ½ lbs of crystal methamphetamine was recovered.

Detectives then served a search warrant at a residence located in the 200 block of S. "J" St. in Dinuba. Again, with the assistance of "Cody", detectives seized over 3 ½ pounds of crystal methamphetamine and 4 ounces of processed marijuana.

Both subjects were charged with possession of methamphetamine for sale, and transportation of methamphetamine for sale. Frausto was also charged with resisting arrest and attempting to destroy evidence.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact the Narcotics Enforcement Hotline at 1-800-660-1086, the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at 488-3111, or CrimeStoppers at 498-STOP(7867).

*****No photos available*****