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.

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