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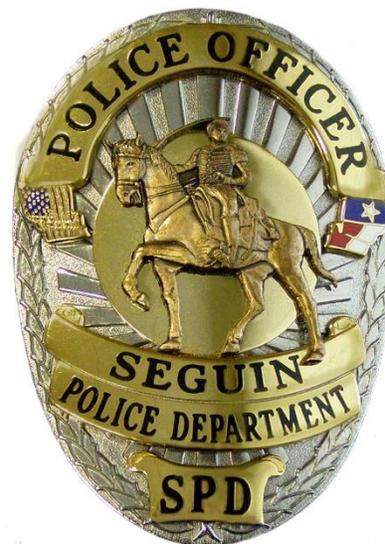
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## **Warrant Roundup Nets 20 Arrests** ***Gangs Targeted During Lengthy Investigation***

**SEGUIN, Texas** – A Seguin Police Department warrant roundup targeting members of the Mexican Mafia and Orejones resulted in 20 arrests Monday.

“We’re talking about organizations that are involved with almost every type of criminal activity you can think of,” Seguin Police Sergeant James Springer said. “It means everything to us to be able to get them off the street.”

The investigation that led to the arrests started in November 2013. Recently 17 sealed indictments were obtained against suspected members of the two gangs. The charges included engaging in organized criminal activity, trafficking and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance. Several warrants also included aggravated assault charges. Of those indicted, 13 were arrested during the roundup; the remaining four were served warrants while already in jail. Three other suspects were arrested on additional charges while warrants were being served. The arrests occurred in Seguin and the surrounding area.

“We worked hand-in-hand with the Guadalupe County District Attorney’s office on this investigation,” Sgt. Springer continued. “They kept us up-to-date and we kept them up-to-date. They were able to advise us along the way. It was a group effort.”

Members of the Seguin Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office, Comal County Sheriff's Office, New Braunfels Police Department and Cibalo Police Department started serving the warrants at 4 a.m. Monday. The final arrests were made in the early afternoon.

Methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, marijuana, cash, three handguns, a shotgun and rifle were seized during the operation. All suspects were booked into the Guadalupe County Detention Center.

"The District Attorney's office is pleased to have been able to assist Seguin Police Department in their efforts to target violent, gang affiliated drug dealers in our community," Guadalupe County District Attorney Heather McMinn said. "After months of investigations, the Guadalupe County grand jury returned indictments against several confirmed members of the Mexican Mafia and the Orejones. Assistant district attorney Heather Hines is in charge of our drug caseload and has been working very closely with Seguin PD narcotics division to assist in preparing these cases. Our office is dedicated to aggressively prosecuting drug dealers and violent gang members in our community. The Seguin Police Department did an excellent job in coordinating the arrest of these individuals."

<b><u>Suspect</u></b>	<b><u>Charge</u></b>	<b><u>DOB</u></b>
Roy Allen Flores	engaging in organized criminal activity	12/11/83
Amos Rodriguez	engaging in organized criminal activity	2/15/81
Tatiana Navarro	manufacture or delivery of cs	10/19/84
Jason Villareal	manufacture or delivery of cs	11/13/73
Andrew Salazar	manufacture or delivery of cs	7/2/84
Erica Esquivel	manufacture or delivery of cs	3/13/91
Santos Perez, Jr.	manufacture or delivery of cs	6/14/80
Reynaldo Salazar	possession of cs	9/15/65
Jacob Saucedo	manufacture or delivery of cs	6/15/78
Bobby Barrientos	engaging in organized criminal activity	1/11/82

Michael Gonzales	manufacture or delivery of cs	11/12/85
Noah Martinez	manufacture or delivery of cs	8/21/85
Jose Diaz	manufacture or delivery of cs	1/5/95
Damian Deleon	engaging in organized criminal activity	10/14/81
Ashley Rodriguez	manufacture or delivery of cs	2/2/92
Francheska Gonzales	manufacture or delivery of cs	6/22/91
*Michael Herandez	manufacture or delivery of cs	2/8/80
*John Galvan	engaging in organized criminal activity	11/12/83
*Rolando Aguirre	manufacture or delivery of cs	2/14/89
*Moses Palomares	manufacture or delivery of cs	8/20/89

***\*Served warrant in jail***

**About the City of Seguin**

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin’s robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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