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Beginning in June 2007, the Santa Barbara Regional Narcotic Enforcement Team (SBRNET), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Santa Barbara District Attorney's Office- Santa Maria Division initiated a drug investigation in Guadalupe and Santa Maria, CA, involving the Jorge GARCIA drug trafficking organization (DTO). On December 11, 2007, SBRNET and DEA executed several search warrants in Guadalupe and Santa Maria during a coordinated takedown of the GARCIA DTO. As a result of the investigation, GARCIA and eighteen co-conspirators were arrested. More than a dozen defendants have been charged with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and various other charges, including child endangerment. Additionally, GARCIA is charged with providing methamphetamine to a minor and unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor.

If anyone has further information regarding GARCIA please contact Sergeant Mauricio Calderon at Guadalupe Police Department at 805-343-2112.

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