



# Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

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## News Release

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### Lompoc Man Arrested for Violating Medical Marijuana Laws

**Lompoc** – At approximately 9:50 a.m. on September 24, 2016, a Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Deputy was dispatched to investigate a male and female exiting a residence they did not reside at in the 1400 block of Calle Neto in the Mission Hills neighborhood. The reporting party gave a detailed description of the vehicle the subjects were seen leaving in and provided their direction of travel.

The responding deputy checked the area for the vehicle and located it in the Mission Hills Market parking lot. After contacting the male and female associated with the vehicle, the deputy smelled the strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle was conducted.

Several ounces of medicinal marijuana, packaged in numerous individual baggies, along with a myriad of marijuana "candies," various edibles, such as marijuana bars and suckers, pre-rolled marijuana cigarettes, vapor cigarette refills (CO2), concentrated "waxes," teas and numerous marijuana-infused cigarette rolling papers were found inside the vehicle. The driver, who was identified as 53-year-old Juan Hernandez of Lompoc, was also in possession of more than \$1,100 in cash. He claimed to be making deliveries to residents for a medical marijuana collective.

Hernandez was subsequently found to be operating outside the scope of the Compassionate Use Act. Hernandez was arrested for possession of marijuana for sale (section 11359 of the California Health and Safety code) and transportation of marijuana for sale (section 11360 of the Health and Safety code); both of which are felonies.

Hernandez was booked at the Santa Barbara County Jail and all of the medical marijuana and cash were seized as evidence.







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