



# Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

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## News Release

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### Abandoned Panga Found Near Mariposa Reina

**Santa Barbara** – An abandoned panga boat was discovered on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at approximately 11:00 a.m. about one half mile south of Mariposa Reina. A Santa Barbara County Sheriff/Fire Air Support Unit helicopter spotted the beached boat during a routine patrol of the coastal area. Personnel from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Coast Guard, State Parks and Homeland Security Investigations responded.

The suspected narcotic trafficking boat is about 25 feet long with two outboard engine motors. Approximately 18 containers with at least 130 gallons of fuel were found on board. Investigators searched the boat and the surrounding area but did not locate any narcotics or suspects connected to the panga.

Coast Guard officials safely removed the fuel from the boat. Homeland Security Investigations took possession of the vessel and is conducting an investigation.





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