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Investigation Leads to Arrest of Atascadero State Hospital Police Officer

Santa Maria, Calif. – An officer with the Department of Hospital Police has been arrested for numerous charges including narcotic and weapons violations. Yesterday, at approximately 5:05 p.m., Sheriff's detectives arrested 36-year-old Leonel Lazaro of Santa Maria on a Ramey warrant near the intersection of College and Park. The Ramey warrant was issued based on an ongoing investigation led by detectives from the Special Investigation Bureau.

Lazaro was booked at the Main Jail for selling a firearm to a prohibited person (felony), possession of a firearm while addicted to narcotics (felony), conspiracy (felony), embezzlement (felony), and providing ammo to a prohibited person (misdemeanor). Lazaro has since been release on \$35,000 bail.



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