

NEWS RELEASE



City of Rancho Cucamonga Police Department



Date/Time: March 25, 2009 at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Crimes: HS 11350(A) Possession of a Controlled Substance, HS 11366 Maintaining a place to sell narcotics, PC 273A(A) Child Endangerment

Location: 8200 Block of Vineyard in the City of Rancho Cucamonga

Suspects: Gabriela Duarte, 25 year old female

Anthony Armendarez, 27 year old male

SUMMARY:

On March 25, 2009 at approximately 6:30 p.m., deputies from the Rancho Cucamonga Police Station responded to a call of a reckless driver that was southbound on Carnelian Street in a pick up truck being driven at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was located by deputies at the intersection of Vineyard and Foothill Boulevard. Suspect, Anthony Armendarez, slowed the vehicle but failed to stop. Armendarez refused to comply with the deputies' request and was removed from the vehicle. The vehicle was then safely secured. Armendarez was found to be in possession of thirty latex balloons containing a substance believed to be heroin. A search was then conducted at his residence in the 8200 Block of Vineyard Avenue. Narcotics and dirty syringes were found throughout the residence including the baby's crib and child's bathroom. Gabriela Duarte, the suspects' girlfriend, was taken into custody and booked for possession of a controlled substance, maintaining a place to sell narcotics and child endangerment. Armendarez was found to have huge open sores on his legs and was first taken to a local hospital for treatment. He will also be booked for the same charges. The Department of Family Child Services was contacted and Armendarez and Duarte's 14 month old baby and 7 year old son were taken into protective custody.

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