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Press Release

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Re: Security Threat Intelligence Unit officers arrest Reynaldo Antonio Vargas

On Wednesday night New Mexico Corrections Department Security Threat Intelligence Unit officers took Probationer and Parolee Reynaldo Antonio Vargas (DOB 08/29/1977) into custody. Vargas is a suspect in the deaths of two people found burned inside an SUV on Tuesday and could also face probation and parole violations. Vargas has not been charged but he is being held at MDC. Based on the allegations and in the interest of public safety, the New Mexico Corrections Department has five days to hold Vargas while the Security Threat Intelligence Unit investigates any criminal allegations against him.

The Bernalillo Sheriff's Office is the agency in charge of the investigation into the deaths of the two people found burned inside the SUV.

One of bodies is identified by BCSO as that of former parolee Alfonso Garcia. NMCD records associated with Garcia's previous incarceration indicate that he was a member of the Los Carnales prison gang. Law enforcement records also indicate that he was a suspected member of the Albuquerque criminal street gang known as 18th Street. Records also indicate that he participated in the 1999 prison riots in Santa Rosa. Garcia had completed his parole in December 2010.

Corrections records associated with Vargas' previous incarceration indicate that he is a member of the Los Carnales prison gang. Law enforcement records also indicate that he is a suspected member of the Albuquerque criminal street gang known as San Jose. Vargas began his probation and parole under the Intensive Supervision Program on March 5, 2012. Since then he has had eleven successful office visits. Of those, 5 were successful field visits. Vargas also had one drug test that came back negative. He had paid his parole costs for the 1<sup>st</sup> month. Vargas also planned to attend school this summer.

**Vargas' Criminal history:** (current charges and prior history)

02/18/1997 TRAFFICKING CNTRLD SUBST – MANUFAC

05/09/1997 BURGLARY OF VEHICLE/CRAFT/STRUCTURE - NON-RESIDENTIAL

02/26/2006 TRAFFICKING CNTRLD SUBST 2ND OFF

01/31/2006 AGGRAV ASSAULT W/DEADLY WEAPN

07/19/2002 ESCAPE FROM JAIL

01/31/2006 RECEIPT/TRANSPORT/POSSESS FIREARMS/DESTRUCTIVE DEVICES BY FELON

06/22/2006 POSSESSION OF CNTRLD SUBST - FELONY

Prior history: 06/23/1997 UTMV, CONT TO MINOR, CONSP

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