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Drugs, Money, Weapons Seized in Fairfield Search Warrant

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Solano County Sheriff's Office

On Tuesday, February 1, 2011, a 6-month investigation conducted by detectives from the Solano County Narcotics Enforcement Team (Sol-NET), and the Solano County Multi-Jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team (Cal-MMET), led to the arrest of Darren Lee Betz, a 44-year-old Fairfield resident.

Betz was observed riding in a vehicle in the area of Interstate 80 near the American Canyon off-ramp when he was contacted by detectives holding a search warrant for Betz and his residence. A search of Betz found that he was carrying over \$4,000 in U.S. currency which detectives believe to be the proceeds from illegal drug sales.

Detectives then proceeded with Betz to his residence which is located on the 2500 block of Gulf Street in Fairfield. Detectives seized 2.33 pounds of methamphetamine, 13 marijuana plants, 12 ecstasy tablets, 46 oxycontin tablets, 20 hydrocodone tablets, and 32 methadone tablets. Detectives also seized a .45 caliber handgun, a silencer, body armor, 2 digital scales and a pill press. The estimated street value of the seized drugs is believed to be approximately \$95,000.

Betz was booked into the Solano County Jail on a variety of charges including possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of stolen property, felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, and being armed with a firearm while committing a drug offense. His bail was set at \$60,000.

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