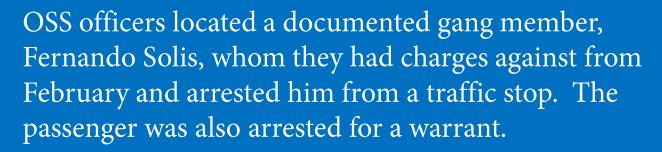
- On March 29, Caldwell Police announced the formulation and deployment of a new specialized unit titled: Operation Safe Streets (OSS)
- OSS is responsible for the prevention and or apprehension of offenders involved in gang-related crimes
- Officers assigned to the OSS unit collaborate with neighboring law enforcement agencies to reduce gang-related crimes and enhance investigations in order to hold offenders accountable
- OSS consists of one Sergeant, one Corporal, and three police officers
- This press release will outline their successes over the past month (April 2023)



### **Gang Member Identification:**

- A traffic stop was made of three apparent Northside gang members, one of whom admitted being Caldwell Norte and was documented as a gang member. Field Interviews and photographs were done of the other male with him.
- OSS officers stopped and interviewed two Southside documented gang members on a traffic stop.
- OSS officers made a traffic stop on a car for expired registration the stop resulted in documenting a member of the Rock Machine Outlaw Motorcycle Gang.
- A traffic stop made on a vehicle that contained five Southside gang members. They were all summonsed or petitioned for various charges and documented.
- Stopped and interviewed two Northside gang members on a traffic stop cited for various traffic citations.
- Man was causing a disturbance at his grandmother's house, then later was called in again for walking around in the dark peeking in car windows. Was able to document him as a Norteno member.

**Arrests:** OSS was contacted by US Probation requesting the arrest of a wanted probationer, Christopher Brown. Located within a few hours and arrested.



Officers arrested known gang members Richard Tommy Garcia and Michael Herrera for felony drug charges and multiple misdemeanor crimes from a traffic stop.



**Christopher Brown** 



Fernando Solis



Richard Garcia



Michael Herrera

**Arrests:** Officers stopped to talk to a person walking in the road near 1500 N. Indiana Ave. He requested assistance getting his phone back from a person inside the house, later identified as Jasper Warner. Jasper was arrested on seven warrants including fugitive from Oregon, felony parole violation, and others. He also received new charges of possession of meth, paraphernalia, and resisting arrest.

Reporting party was on probation and was also arrested for being in possession of meth and a pipe.

#### JASPER WAYNE WARNER



#### Charges

19-4514(F)OR - Oregon State Fugitive 19-512(F)1P - Payette County Hold 118-705 - Resist Obstruct Officer 120-222 - Probation Violation [F] 137-2732(C)(1) - Possession of Controlled Substance 137-2734A(1) - Paraphernalia w Intent to Use

Arrests: Officers identified wanted felon Jaime Castro on the side of the road. They arrested him on his warrant and then located meth in his wallet prior to transporting him. He was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia.

OSS officers surveilled a house on Settlers Drive looking for Vanessa Rojas who had a felony warrant. She eventually came outside to get in a car and they arrested her. She also had meth hidden in her clothing, and she was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia.



137-2732(C)(1) - Possession of Controlled Substance 137-2734A(1) - Paraphernalia w Intent to Use



Charges

120-222 - Probation Violation [F] 137-2732(C)(1) - Possession of Controlled Substance 137-2734A(1) - Paraphernalia w Intent to Use



20-228 - Parole Violation



118-2603 {F} - Destroying Evidence 137-2732(C)(1) - Possession of Controlled Substance 137-2734A(1) - Paraphernalia w Intent to Use



Charges

118-5413(2) - Provide False ID on Self 137-2732(C)(1) - Possession of Controlled Substance 137-2732(C)(3) - Possession of a controlled substance 137-2734A(1) - Paraphernalia w Intent to Use



118-8001 - Driving without Privilege 137-2732(C)(1) - Possession of Controlled Substance 137-2734A(1) - Paraphernalia w Intent to Use Arrests: Officers received a call from U.S. Probation requesting OSS to serve a warrant on David Mendoza, wanted for parole violation trafficking guns/drugs. He was arrested at his home without incident.

OSS officers were looking for and located Paul Mata and arrested him for his felony warrant. Mata claimed to be a Texan Chicano Brotherhood gang member.

OSS officers were watching Smokey Mountain Ave. due to multiple Crime Stoppers tips about drug activity in the area. They pulled over a car displaying 18-year-old expired dealer plates and arrested felony probationer Andrew Rodrigues for meth possession and paraphernalia, and passenger Stephanie Sowders for meth possession, paraphernalia, and concealment of evidence.



Charges

18-905(A) - Aggravated Assault Deadly Weap



Arrests: OSS received a gang-related aggravated assault investigation from a CPD officer. David Gallegos allegedly pointed a gun at another juvenile gang member. OSS officers located documented Norteno gang member, Gallegos, driving on a suspended license. They stopped him, detained him for the aggravated assault case, and located a 9mm pistol tucked inside David's waistband.

They took Gallegos back to CPD to interview him. Gallegos admitted to being at the crime scene at the same time it was reported to have happened, and admitted to pointing the gun at the victim for "revenge" due to some previous arguments/fights.

He was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

#### JODY JAMES MEDRANO



#### Charges

I20-227 - Probation Violation [M]
I37-2732(C)(1) - Possession of Controlled Substance
I37-2732(C)(3) - Possession of a controlled substance
I37-2734A(1) - Paraphernalia w Intent to Use

#### ABYGAIL JUSTINE HENSON



#### Charges

19-512(M)1A - Ada County Hold 118-2407(2) - Theft Petit 118-2603 {F} - Destroying Evidence 118-705 - Resist Obstruct Officer 120-222 - Probation Violation [F] 137-2732(C)(1) - Possession of Controlled Substance 137-2734A(1) - Paraphernalia w Intent to Use Arrests: OSS officers were looking for wanted felon/gang member Jody Medrano – he was located and arrested on three Canyon County warrants. He also received new charges for felony possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia.

His girlfriend, Abygail Henson, who was with him, was also arrested on three Canyon County warrants, one Ada County warrant, and one Nampa warrant. She received a new paraphernalia charge.

The vehicle they were in, was also determined to be the same vehicle that CPD officers were looking to identify related to a hit-and-run case. Medrano admitted to committing the hit-and-run and leaving the scene.







Arrests: Conducted search for felony probation/documented Northside gang member Austin Bosier's residence. Bosier had 51 M30 fentanyl pills on his person when OSS made contact. He was arrested for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Arrests: Mahala Cruz for a failure to serve sentence warrant; Shelbi Grever for a misdemeanor probation violation warrant; Fredrick Johnson for a felony parole violation warrant; and Daniela Munoz (felony probationer) for felony possession of a controlled substance.

#### MAHALA VOSHTAY CRUZ



#### Charges

I18-2407(2) - Theft Petit I18-907 - Aggravated Battery I37-2732(C)(1) - Possession of Controlled Substance I37-2734A(1) - Paraphernalia w Intent to Use



# FREDRICK FRANCISE JOHNSON Charges

20-228 - Parole Violation





Arrests: Documented "Sureno" gang member, 18- year-old Emanuel Saiz, arrested for three felony warrants and also charged with eluding a peace officer, unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, destruction of evidence, resist and obstruct and malicious injury to property.



#### Charges

37-2732(a)(1)(b - Poss Cont Sub Intent to Delive 37-2732(A1B)MFG - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE MANUFACT

118-2603 (F) - Destroying Evidence

I18-3316(1) - Firearm Possession Convict Fel

118-7001(2) - Prop-Mal Inj to Property

I18-705 - Resist Obstruct Officer

120-222 - Probation Violation [F]

137-2732(C)(1) - Possession of Controlled Substance

137-2734A(1) - Paraphernalia w Intent to Use

149-1404(2) - Eluding Police Officer

Arrests: Documented Norteno gang member Wyatt Moore on a traffic stop for felony possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia, and driving without privileges.



Other notable items: OSS is actively working with and collaborating with other local agencies such as juvenile probation, misdemeanor probation, felony probation and parole, and many other police agencies in the valley.

OSS met with the owner of a local business to discuss keeping in contact regarding large events that may attract gang-affiliated people. Conducted patrol and made several stops in the area during the night.

Conducted approximately six concentrated traffic stops and contacts to specific high graffiti/gang activity areas around Freeport St.

OSS has met with misdemeanor probation to set up a day once a month so they can assist misdemeanor probation with home checks of gang-involved probationers that they would like assistance with.

