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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Search Warrants Yield 75 Pounds of Marijuana and Half a Pound of Methamphetamine.

Ceres, California – On the morning of August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, the Ceres Police Street Crimes Unit, investigators and SWAT Team simultaneously served two separate search warrants at two separate houses.

At approximately 0745 hours, a search warrant was served at a residence in the 900 block of Azores Lane in Ceres. Investigators received a tip of an overgrown marijuana plant extending past the fence that was visible from street. During the search, police located a marijuana grow capable of producing over 75 pounds of finished product with a street value estimated at over \$200,000. This case is currently under investigation and no arrests have been made at this time.

While the house on Azores was being searched, police served a second search warrant at a residence in the 1600 block of Atlantic Drive in Modesto. Police discovered half a pound of methamphetamine and evidence of narcotics sales.

Alma Cervantes, 48 years old out of Modesto, was arrested for possession for sale of narcotics from the Atlantic home. Police focused their attention to the Cervantes residence due to reports of suspicious activity, such as a high volume of traffic at the residence.

The two search warrants are for separate, unrelated cases.

Ceres Police is asking anyone with further information on these cases is encouraged to contact crime stoppers or Ceres Police Street Crimes Unit Sergeant Dennis Perry at (209) 538-5638.

**Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers.**

**Phone number: 1-866-60-CRIME**

**Text Tips: "274637" TIP704 in the wording**

**Website: [www.modestopolice.com/crimestoppers](http://www.modestopolice.com/crimestoppers)**