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PRESS RELEASE

Date: 8/29/2026
Type: Arrest
Arrested: Antonio Esquivel, 35, Gerber
Charges:

1. 11359 HSC – Possession of marijuana for sale
2. 11366 HSC – Maintaining a place for drug sales
3. 11377 HSC – Possession of methamphetamine
4. 273(a)A PC – Felony child endangerment

Summary;
During the past several months, the Tehama County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division investigated suspicious activity associated with two residences in the Gerber area. The investigation identified Antonio Esquivel as residing at the primary residence and being associated with a second residence in the Gerber area.

On Saturday, August 29, 2026, the Tehama County Sheriff's Office conducted probation searches at both residences.

During the searches, investigators located approximately 210 pounds of processed marijuana bud, much of which was packaged in approximately one-pound bags consistent with possession for sales. Investigators also located 6.85 grams of methamphetamine and $24,137 in U.S. currency. Evidence of previous indoor marijuana cultivation was located at the second residence.

Esquivel was arrested and booked into the Tehama County Jail for the above listed crimes.A federal probation warrant was also issued for Esquivel.

The investigation was handled by the Tehama County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit with and TCSO Patrol Division with assistance from Federal Probation.

The investigation remains ongoing and additional arrests are expected.

Anyone with information related to this investigation is encouraged to contact the Tehama County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit at (530) 529-7920.

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