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Subject: Narcotic Arrest

Case Number: 14-012039

Details:

Investigation of local heroin source leads to arrest of suspect believed to be dealing to high school aged students.

In March 2014, an investigation was initiated into the activities of Juan Vidrio who was actively involved in the sales of heroin. The investigation revealed that Vidrio was selling heroin in Huntington Beach and a large proportion of his customers were teenagers who attend high school. On Wednesday, August 6, 2014, members of the DEA LA HIDTA GROUP 51 and Detectives from the Special Investigation Bureau of the Huntington Beach Police Department worked a joint operation targeting Vidrio.

HIDTA Group 51, is comprised of agents and officers from the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Port Police.

The High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program is designed to enhance and coordinate efforts among local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Wednesday's operation is an example of federal and local authorities joining forces to investigate the most insidious drug dealers who target our community's youth.

During the investigation, detectives learned who Vidrio's supplier was and found he was residing in a nearby Orange County City. Detectives took Vidrio into custody and found he was in possession of 20 ounces of heroin which was packaged in amounts consistent with mid-level drug trafficking rather than street level sales.

A search was conducted at the supplier's residence and approximately 7 lbs of heroin was recovered. Additionally, 1.8 grams of cocaine was also recovered. The supplier was not taken into custody as it appears he fled the location prior to law enforcement officers responding to the residence.

The seized drugs have an estimated retail street value of over \$250,000 and represent over 31,000 doses of heroin that would have potentially been sold to youth in our community.



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Juan Vidrio, age 26, of Huntington Beach was ultimately booked into Orange County Jail for possession for sale of Heroin and a probation violation and is being held without bail pending a court appearance.

The case is on-going and no further details are being released at this time.