



**Porterville Police Department
Press Release**

Incident: Narcotic and Weapons Search Warrant

Date/Time: July 11, 2008

Location: 100 block of North York Street, Porterville

Suspects: Kendra Smotherman, 29 years, Porterville Resident
Mattene Bakich, 45 years, Porterville Resident
Randy Schaffer, 49 years, Porterville Resident

Summary:

On July 11, 2008 at approximately 7:00 AM, detectives with the Porterville Police Department's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and Neighborhood Crimes Suppression Unit (NCSU) served a narcotic and weapons search warrant in the 100 block of North York Street.

Detectives conducted a search of the residence and located suspected marijuana and heroin, scales, and narcotic packaging materials. Detectives also located a cache of loaded assault rifles, shotguns and handguns seizing a total of ten illegal firearms. Detectives located over 1,000 rounds of ammunition for the weapons and high capacity magazines.

Some of the assault rifles confiscated were an AK-47 assault rifle, a .223 caliber AR-15 assault rifle and a stolen Tec-22 assault pistol.

Mattene Bakich was booked at the Tulare County Sheriff's Department for being in possession of illegal assault weapons, felon in possession of firearms, possession of ammunition by a felon and possession of controlled substances.

Detectives are also looking for Kendra Smotherman and Randy Schaffer who are wanted for questioning regarding this criminal investigation. Anyone with information regarding their whereabouts is asked to immediately contact Officer Brian Nix or Sergeant Jake Castellow at 782-7400.

Investigating Detective(s)
Officer B. Nix

Detective Supervisor
Sergeant J. Castellow