

PRESS RELEASE
Orange County Sheriff's Office
OCTOBER 29, 2008
COCAINE- SEIZED

Sheriff Lindy Pendergrass

Orange County Sheriff's Office and Chatham County Sheriff's Office Investigators working together on a drug investigation conducted a drug search and made the following drug arrests.

On October 28, 2008 The Orange County Sheriff's Office Drug Investigators having probable cause obtained a search warrant and conducted a search of lot #12 Ridgewood Mobile Home Park, located on Ridgewood Road off of Damascus Church Road, in southern Orange County. Orange and Chatham County Investigators went to the residence and there served the search warrant and seized over 8 ounces of cocaine and approximately \$20,000 dollars in cash.

Lot # 12 occupants arrested;

(1) RAPHAEL PUGA MARTINEZ- DOB- 5/2/1976 HISPANIC MALE

Employed at the Rizzo Center in Chapel Hill

TRAFFICKING COCAINE

POSSESSION W/ INTENT TO SELL/MANUFACTURE/SELL/AND DISTRIBUTE COCAINE
MAINTAINING A PLACE TO KEEP CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Bond set at \$250,000 1 st court appearance set for 10/29/08 in District Court Hillsborough, NC

(2) BLANCA ESTELA LOPEZ-ESPINOZA-DOB 10/2/1979 HISPANIC FEMALE

Self employed.

TRAFFICKING COCAINE

POSSESSION W/ INTENT TO SELL/MANUFACTURE/SELL/AND DISTRIBUTE COCAINE
MAINTAINING A PLACE TO KEEP CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Bond set at \$150,000 1 st court appearance set for 10/29/08 in District Court Hillsborough, NC

NO PHOTO AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

Information was developed during the search of Lot#12 which led Investigators to Apartment D- 11, 200 Barnes Street, in Carrboro, NC. at this apartment they arrested a Hispanic female;

(3) BERNICE LOPEZ-ESPINOZA-DOB- 6/26/1989 at 200 Barnes Street in Carrboro, NC.

Self employed.

Investigators found the Hispanic female with over a ¼ ounce-7grams of cocaine. The female was charged with;

POSSESSION W/ INTENT TO SELL/MANUFACTURE/SELL/AND DISTRIBUTE COCAINE
MAINTAINING A PLACE TO KEEP CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES POSSESSION OF DRUG

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Bond set at \$10,000 1 st court appearance set for 10/29/08 in District Court Hillsborough, NC

Photos attached:

