

Three arrested in Drug Trafficking Investigation.

A nine month investigation led to the three arrests and the seizure of about 1.3 million in Methamphetamine, Heroin and Cocaine in La Plata County.

The Southwest Drug Task Force in conjunction with the Montezuma County Sheriff's Office and the Cortez Police Department announced the drug-trafficking bust on Wednesday in a New Release.

The investigation, nicknamed "Operation Bad Mule" began in April and culminated last Friday and Saturday with three arrests in Durango; Salvador Anguiano-Estrada, Stacy Lutz, and Raquel Salazar, all of Casa Grande, Arizona. They are being held on suspicion of felony quantities of drugs with intent to distribute.

The trio imported and distributed large quantities of drugs into the State of Colorado within multiple surrounding communities of Southwest Colorado.

During the investigation, authorities seized 10 pounds of Methamphetamine, 7 pounds of Heroin, 2.3 ounces of Cocaine, \$5100 in cash and 2 high dollar automobiles. Through the course of the investigation, authorities have seized 33 pounds of Methamphetamine obtained in Mexico and destined for distribution by the Anguiano-Estrada organization.

The Southwest Drug Task Force consists of investigators and partners from the La Plata County Sheriff's Office, Durango Police Department, Ignacio Police Department, Bayfield Marshal's Office, Montezuma County Sheriff's Office and Cortez Police Department. Several other agencies assisted with the investigation, including the Southern Ute Police Department and (DEA) Drug Enforcement Administration.



Anguiano-Estrada

Lutz

Salazar