

Henderson County Patrol Deputies made a significant drug bust in the Dana area of Henderson County yesterday, October the 6th. Geraldo Absalon Parra and Horacio Ramirez Morales of 41 Italy Lane, were both arrested and charged with Trafficking in Methamphetamine, and Conspiracy to Traffic in Methamphetamine. Both men were placed under a \$25000.00 dollar bond at the Henderson County Detention Center.

Deputies had converged on the residence in Dana, in order to serve and arrest an individual whom they had reason to believe was staying there. Deputies set a perimeter in place while another officer went to the front door of the residence and knocked on the door to announce their presence. It was at this time that one of the deputies securing the rear of the residence observed a male throw three plastic baggies out of an open window at the rear of the residence. One officer secured the apparent contraband while others secured the residence and the people inside. Further investigation by the officers turned up a glass pipe used for smoking controlled substances, a small .22 caliber handgun, \$1290.00 in U.S. currency, and a set of scales typically used for weighing illegal drugs for sale. The baggies were found to contain 44.5 grams of a substance that testing measures indicated to be schedule II methamphetamine.

The Sheriffs Drug Enforcement Unit was called to assist, however according to Cpl Fred Westphall, "The patrol guys had this case wrapped up. It was their diligence and initiative that made it happen."

Sheriff Davis was not surprised. "Our officers are highly motivated in their jobs and it is not unusual to see deputies making cases that are out of the routine of their own job description. Through team work and encouraging officers to seek available training opportunities, we are deepening our bench in all areas when feasible. All of these guys work hard to contribute to the mission at hand. It was certainly a good bust for that squad."