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PRESS RELEASE: UPD CASE #25-2788

Date: 12/12/25

Location: Mendocino County.

Victim: People of the State of California.

Suspect: Armando Garcia-Barrera, 42-year-old Mendocino County resident.

Violations: 11351 H&S- Possession of a Narcotic for the Purpose of Sales.
29800(a)(1) PC- Felon in Possession of a Firearm (Felony.)
30605(a) PC- Possession of an Assault Rifle (Felony.)
33215 PC- Possession of a Short-Barreled Rifle (Felony.)
30305(a) PC- Felon in Possession of Ammunition (Felony.)
33410 PC- Possession of a Firearm Suppressor/Silencer (Felony.)
496(a) PC- Possession of Stolen Property (Felony.)

In early December UPD Detectives began an investigation into Armando Garcia-Barrera of Mendocino County after learning that he was involved in narcotics sales and unlawful possession of firearms. Garcia-Barrera was a convicted felon prohibited from possessing any firearms or ammunition and was also known to have gang ties in Mendocino County.

UPD Detectives developed probable cause and obtained a search warrant for Garcia-Barrera's residence and vehicles. On 12/12/25 Ukiah Police Department Detectives conducted a traffic stop on Garcia-Barrera's vehicle and simultaneously served a search warrant on his residence.

During the service of the search warrant UPD Detectives located narcotics and substantial evidence that Garcia-Barrera was involved in narcotics trafficking. Garcia-Barrera was also found in possession of eight firearms, which included three illegal short-barreled AR-15 style assault rifles, two stolen .45 caliber pistols, two un-serialized "ghost gun" style 9mm pistols, and a large caliber hunting rifle.

In addition to the firearms and narcotics found in Garcia-Barrera's residence, UPD Detectives located hundreds of rounds of ammunition, body armor, gang clothing, and stolen property. Garcia-Barrera was taken into custody and later booked into the Mendocino County Jail for charges of 11351 H&S (Possession of a Narcotic



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for the Purpose of Sales), 29800(a)(1) PC (Felon in Possession of a Firearm), 30605(a) PC (Possession of an Assault Rifle), 33215 PC (Possession of a Short-Barreled Rifle), 30305(a) PC (Felon in Possession of Ammunition), 33410 PC (Possession of a Firearms Suppressor/Silencer), and 496(a) PC (Possession of Stolen Property). Garcia-Barrera's bond was set at \$250,000.

The Ukiah Police Department remains committed to keeping the residents of Ukiah safe and riding our community of dangerous drugs and unlawful firearms. For updates about crime in your neighborhood, residents can sign up for telephone, cell phone, and email notifications by clicking the Nixle link on our website: www.ukiahpolice.com.



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