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TOPIC: Search Warrant Leads to 20 Pound Marijuana Seizure

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Clinton, NC – On Friday, February 26, 2010, investigators with the Sampson County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Division executed a search warrant at 5576 Reedsford Road, just outside of Clinton, NC. A search of the residence revealed twenty pounds of marijuana packaged in one pound increments. Three long firearms and a handgun were seized in addition to a little over \$10,000.00 in cash.

The occupant of the residence, Miguel Tamayo Rodriguez, age 62, was taken into custody and charged with the following: Trafficking in Marijuana; Possession With Intent to Manufacture/Sell/Deliver Marijuana; and Maintaining a Dwelling for the Sale/Storage of a Controlled Substance. Mr. Rodriguez was placed in the Sampson County Detention Center under a \$100,000.00 bond.

The search of the residence stemmed from citizen complaints regarding possible drug activity at the location. Sheriff Jimmy Thornton stated, "I would like to thank the citizens that called in with information on Mr. Rodriguez. That information was vital in preventing these drugs from getting into the hands of someone's child."



Miguel Tamayo Rodriguez



Marijuana, cash, and guns seized.