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Media Release

DRUGS / ENDANGERING WELFARE OF CHILDREN / FIREARM

Incident: Check the Welfare
Location: 12000 Block of Bethlehem Road, Harrisburg MO
Date & time: 03/01/2019
Case Number: 2019-0880

Details:

On 03/01/2019 at around 3:45 PM, Deputies with the Boone County Sheriff's Department conducted a welfare check of several small children living in the 12000 block of Bethlehem Road. Upon arrival, Deputies contacted 30-year-old Johnna Vargas and 32-year-old Gilberto Hurtado, both of Harrisburg.

Deputies located various narcotics, marijuana, and over 75 grams of methamphetamine; all packaged for sale. Additionally, drug delivery devices as well as a handgun were also found. All these items were easily accessible by the four small children living in the home. Johnna Vargas and Gilberto Hurtado were arrested for the following offenses:

Trafficking Drugs 1st Degree - RsMO 579.065
Delivery of Controlled Substance - RsMO 579.020
Endangering the Welfare of a Child (4 Counts) - RsMO 568.045
Unlawful Use of a Weapon - RsMO 571.030
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - RsMO 579.074
Possession of Marijuana - Prior Offender - RsMO 579.015

Gilberto Hurtado is a three-time convicted felon in Missouri and therefore cannot lawfully possess any firearm. Gilberto Hurtado was also charged with:

Unlawful Possession of a Firearm - RsMO 571.070

Bond amounts have not yet been set.

Suspects are considered innocent until found guilty in a court of law.

Current mugshot photos were not available at the time of this release but can be viewed in the 0700 report.

Release date & time: 03/02/19 - 0100 HRS
Release authorized by: Sgt. Tracey Cleeton