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## **AUTOMATIC SUBMACHINE GUNS SEIZED DURING PROBATION SEARCH**

Sacramento, California- On June 11, 2018, the Sacramento County Probation Department seized two fully automatic sub machine guns while conducting a home compliance check of a subject on Post Release Community Supervision.

At approximately 12:30 p.m., a 42 year-old, male, Russell Valenzuela was arrested at his residence in the 400 block of West Silver Eagle Road. Probation officers from the Gang Suppression Unit stopped by Valenzuela's home to ensure he was in compliance with specific court orders. During the course of a probation search of the house, officers recovered two fully automatic sub machine guns, 55 grams of methamphetamine, and over \$3800 in cash. Valenzuela was booked into the county jail on numerous charges, including Possession of an Assault Weapon, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Possession for Sale While Armed with a Firearm, Possession of Large Capacity Magazine, and a Flash Incarceration.

"One goal of the newly established Gang Suppression Unit is to apprehend any felon in possession of a firearm before they have an opportunity to use it. The importance of being in the community and checking on subjects within their homes is vital to offender accountability. Removing illegal weapons from the hands of felons immediately eliminates a risk to our community and will have an impact on crime reduction within Sacramento," stated the Assistant Chief Deputy of Adult Field Brian Casteel.

Valenzuela, a validated gang member, has a history of arrests for both drug and weapons related offenses, is scheduled for arraignment on June 13, 2018.

Photos attached (2).

