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# Cops Arrest Five At Indian Center

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WATSONVILLE — Five persons were arrested on drug and stolen property charges when authorities raided the Ohlone Indian Cultural Protection Center near here.

The five were picked up following an undercover operation into alleged heroin dealing, said law enforcement officials.

At press time it could not be determined if any of those arrested were members of the Ohlone Indian Cultural Protection Center.

The five were identified as Michael Cota, 45; Mario Martinez, 23; Ray Marquez, 45; Robert Lopez, 35; and Alicia Jacques, no age listed.

They were being booked into County Jail at 11 a.m. today.

According to Sgt. Bruce Simpson of the Sheriff's Department, agents from the state Department of Justice, sheriff's office, district attorney's office and Watsonville Police Department arrived at the cultural center on Lee Road at 7 a.m.

There, he said, officers found large quantities of firearms including rifles, handguns and shotguns. A quantity of 50-caliber machine gun ammunition was also found.

Simpson said authorities found "lots" of stolen property including clothing with various department store tags still attached.

Several unopened Christmas presents and a briefcase full of money were found at the scene, said Simpson.

In addition, deputies found 15 dogs living at the center. The dogs were suffering from distemper and starvation.

Simpson described pits found at the cultural center which were used for fighting purposes for animals.

In addition, a number of neglected horses were found at the site.

Simpson said one horse was stuck up to its knees in mud and could not move.

According to authorities, the horses and cars at the scene were registered to the Ohlone Indian Association.

According to records, Cota was arrested on suspicion of sales of heroin, possession of stolen property, ex-felon in possession of a gun and violation of parole. Martinez was booked on suspicion of possession of stolen property and being an addict under the influence of drugs.

Lopez was booked on suspicion of possession of stolen property and being an addict under the influence.

Marquez was booked on suspicion of possession of stolen property and Jacques was arrested on suspicion of being an addict under the influence.

In addition, all were charged with willful cruelty to animals.