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NEWS RELEASE

Incident Date and Time: Tuesday March 14, 2017, at about 7:00am
Location: Thermal Dental, 663 Old County Road, in the City of San Carlos
Type of Crime/Incident: Narcotics Search Warrant

SUSPECT: **ARRESTED** Joseph Hirsch

SUMMARY:

In January 2016, Agents with the San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force (NTF) obtained information that prompted the start of a three month investigation. Through this investigation NTF Agents obtained a search warrant.

On March 14, 2017, NTF Agents and Investigators from the Department of Dentistry with the California Department of Justice served this search warrant at Thermal Dental, 663 Old County Road, in the City of San Carlos. As a result of this search, narcotics and equipment commonly used to manufacture narcotics was seized. The target of this investigation, suspect Joseph Hirsch, was also found and arrested.

Investigators also located a crude dentist office inside the building, which consisted of a dentist's chair, x-ray machine and dental tools. It is suspected that Mr.Hirsch was providing dental treatment to various patients without a license. Investigators from the Department of Dentistry are conducting their separate investigation. (Contact Investigator Ryan Blonien 916 - 869-0443)

Suspect Joseph Hirsch was booked into the Maguire Correctional Facility. He currently faces several felony charges for possession of narcotics.

This case is still under investigation. Anyone with information on the suspect or about this case is encouraged to contact the San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force **Anonymous Tip Line at 650-573-3991**

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