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TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO LARGE DRUG BUST

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CHARGES: Drug Trafficking

WESTMINSTER, CA – On January 25, 2022, at approximately 2015 hours, A Westminster PD K9 Officer conducted a traffic stop on a motorist. Prior to the stop, the male adult driver threw a duffle bag outside the vehicle. The duffle bag contained approximately 40 lbs. of methamphetamine. The Officer utilized his police canine “Pako” to search the vehicle and the police canine alerted to the scent of drugs inside the vehicle in the area where the duffle bag was possibly stored. Later in the investigation, an additional amount of approximately 30 lbs. of methamphetamine was discovered, along with a non-serialized AR pistol. A subsequent investigation has commenced and the identity of the male and details of the traffic stop are not being released due to the pending investigation.

“This is an outstanding example of the excellent work of our patrol division and in particular, our police K9, Pako. Pako’s ‘nose knows’ and we are grateful for the support we have from our City Council and community for the continued success of our Canine Program. **Pako** and **Dragon** [our other K9] play a vital role in keeping our community safe as well as our officers,” said Deputy Chief Cameron Knauerhaze.



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