



# Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

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## News Release

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### **Citizen Reports Lead to Arrest of Orcutt Man for Possession of Heroin and Methamphetamine**

**Orcutt** – An Orcutt resident is in custody following the discovery of heroin and methamphetamine at his residence in the 1400 block of Oak Knoll Road. Santa Barbara County Sheriff's detectives with the Special Investigations Bureau obtained a search warrant for the residence following numerous reports from citizens of suspicious activity at the home.

Today, November 29, 2016, Sheriff's detectives and patrol deputies served the search warrant and conducted a probation search at the residence. They found 49-year-old Martin Berstecher of Orcutt alone inside. They also located one pound of black tar heroin, 2.9 ounces of methamphetamine and handgun ammunition.

Berstecher was arrested and booked at the Santa Barbara County Jail on charges of possession for sale of a controlled substance and for being a felon in possession of ammunition. Berstecher is being held on \$100,000 bail.

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office wants to take this opportunity to remind citizens to report activity they perceive as suspicious by calling the Santa Barbara County Public Safety Dispatch Center at 805-683-2724. To leave an anonymous tip, call 805-681-4171 or go to our website at [www.sbsheriff.org/anonymoustips.html](http://www.sbsheriff.org/anonymoustips.html).





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