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Search Warrant Yields Arrest

The arrest of an Effingham man on two outstanding Effingham County Failure-to-Appear warrants for a 2018 Retail Theft charge and a 2017 Driving Under the Influence charge resulted in Effingham Police conducting a search warrant at a motel room in the 1100th block of Edgar Avenue on May 19, 2019. The search yielded nine additional charges.

Luis Noel Perez Santiago, 36, was taken into custody on the Effingham County warrants by Effingham Police on May 19, 2019 at approximately 4:00 A.M. During the arrest, officers observed suspected narcotic equipment as well as narcotics in Perez Santiago's possession. A search warrant for the motel room was granted and the search conducted by officers at approximately 10:38 A.M. As a result of the discoveries made during the search, Perez Santiago was also charged with the following: Possession With Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine, Possession of Stolen Property, Possession of Methamphetamine (greater than 5 grams but not more than 15 grams), Manufacture/Delivery of Cannabis, Possession of Cannabis (greater than 30 grams but not more than 100 grams), Obstructing Justice, Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (Criminal), and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (Civil).

"Outstanding observation and police work by Effingham Police Department officers took another drug dealer off the streets of Effingham on Sunday," praised Chief Jason McFarland. "Effingham Police are committed to reducing crime in Effingham, and officers are going out each and every day, working hard to protect the citizens of this community."

If you see it, say it! The Effingham Police Department encourages you to call the Police Department immediately at 217-347-0774 to report suspicious activity in your neighborhood or business district. Information can be given anonymously by calling the CRIMESTOPPERS Tip Line at 217-347-6583. Anonymous callers can receive up to \$1,000 cash rewards.