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Media Release

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TO: News Media

FROM: Sgt. Rich Celli

SUBJECT: Suspects arrested for possession of cocaine and violation of parole

On Monday, March 12, 2010 at about 3:00 p. m. , officers from the Santa Rosa Police Department responded to the area of Ripley Street at Lincoln Street in Santa Rosa for a report of a group of male subjects acting suspiciously and possibly selling narcotics. Officer Brian Sinigiani located three male subjects who were in the street next to two vehicles parked in close proximity. In one of the vehicles, two subjects were located that were determined to be associated with the group. The officers at the scene determined that one of the subjects, Samuel Tewolde (28 years) of Santa Rosa, is currently on State Parole. Tewolde had keys to both vehicles. A subsequent search of the vehicles yielded 48 rocks of "Rock Cocaine" that were possessed for the purposes for sales. Officers also located a quantity of prescription medication at the scene that was associated with the three other subjects.

During the course of the investigation, officers arrested all five subjects for charges related to the possession of narcotics. The following subjects were arrested and booked into the Sonoma County Jail as follows as follows:

Possession of rock cocaine for the purposes of sales and violation of parole.

Samuel Tewolde (28 years) of Santa Rosa.

Possession of rock cocaine for the purposes of sales.

Nahom Tewolde (18 years) of Santa Rosa.

Possession of controlled substances without a prescription.

Leonard Roubidoux (18 years) of Santa Rosa.

Ermyas Zeweldi (19 years) of Santa Rosa.

Alex Haile-Tekeste (20 years) of Santa Rosa.

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