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NEWS RELEASE

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Sheriff's Narcotics Unit Captures 3 More Traffickers

The Union County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit seized more than four ounces of heroin Wednesday afternoon resulting from two separate interdiction stops near Indian Trail. The first investigation resulted in the seizure of more than 2 ½ ounces of heroin and the arrest of **Cesar Ibanez Castaneda**, age 40, of Charlotte.

Castaneda remains in the Union County Jail charged with two counts of Trafficking in Opium or Heroin and Maintaining a Drug Vehicle. His next scheduled court appearance is January 2, 2018.



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The second interdiction stop occurred a short distance away and resulted in the seizure of more than 1 ½ ounces of heroin from two suspects, **Israel Baez Figueroa**, age 25, of Monroe and **Pedro Gonzalez Viera**, age 19, of San Diego, California. Both Figueroa and Viera are in custody at the Union County Jail and each suspect is charged with two counts of Trafficking in Opium or Heroin and Maintaining a Drug Vehicle. The next scheduled court appearance for them is January 2, 2018.



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