



# Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

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## News Release

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### **Wanted Santa Maria Man Flees From Deputies After Crashing In a Park**

**Santa Maria** – On Tuesday, 07-10-18, at approximately 2:00 PM, deputies from the Compliance Response Team (CRT) conducted a traffic stop on a black Dodge Caravan, after the vehicle was observed travelling through a stop sign without coming to a complete stop at the intersection of Duvali Street and Estriga Lane in the city of Santa Maria. The driver of the vehicle initially yielded to the deputies, but upon their approach the driver quickly fled in the vehicle. Before the deputies could get back to their vehicles, the driver of the minivan lost control and crashed through a concrete gate and into a kids play area in the Westgate Courtyard Apartments, where several children were playing.

Witnesses identified the driver as 33-year old Saam Massoudi of Santa Maria, who deputies knew had a warrant issued for his arrest. Massoudi and an unknown passenger fled from the vehicle.

With the assistance of officers from the Santa Maria Police Department, the Santa Maria Police Department K9 unit and the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office K9 unit, officers and deputies conducted a search of the area for Massoudi, but were unable to locate him.

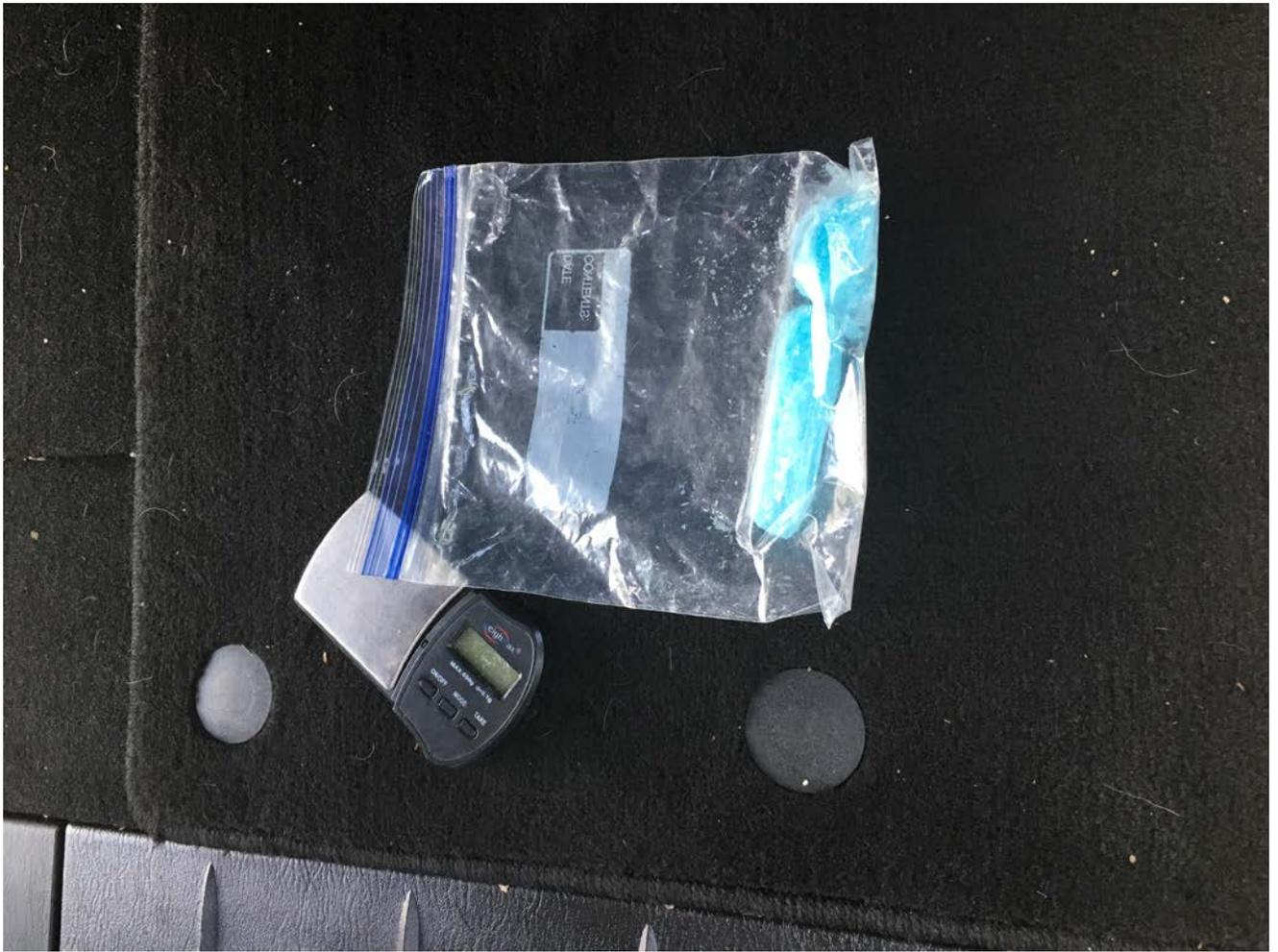
During a search of the vehicle being driven by Massoudi, with the assistance of a Santa Barbara Sheriff's K9 trained to seek and locate narcotics, deputies located a bag containing 35.1 grams of suspected methamphetamine, as well as a digital scale believed to help facilitate in the sales of narcotic.

Saam Massoudi is currently wanted by the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office for his outstanding felony warrants, plus several charges related to his actions from today, including willfully fleeing law enforcement officers in a vehicle without disregard for the safety of others, hit-and-run and possession of methamphetamine for sales.

If you know of Moussaid's whereabouts, please call the Sheriff's Office 24-hours a day at 805-683-2724. To leave an anonymous tip, please call the tip line at 805-681-4171 or you can also leave an anonymous tip on our website: <https://www.sbsheriff.org/home/anonymous-tip/>

The Compliance Response Team (CRT) is funded by realignment money distributed through the Community Corrections Partnership, a committee of various county law enforcement and judicial representatives. CRT consists of Sheriff Deputies and Probation Officers.







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