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Officers with the Central South Texas Criminal Investigation Unit, Duval County Sheriff's Office, Duval County Attorney's office Brooks County Sheriff's Office and Department of Public Safety Criminal Investigation Unit executed a search warrant in southern Duval County on Thursday.

At 5:15 p.m., investigators approached a ranch located off State Highway 285 and County Road 296. Officers arrested a father and son identified as Esiquiel Garza, 60, and Gilbert Garza, 30.

Officers seized 28 bundles containing approximately 112 pounds of marijuana, over \$34,000.00 dollars in United States Currency and 18 weapons, which eight are believed to be stolen and one confirmed stolen out of Duval County.

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The currency was located in safes within the suspects' residence as well as a two way police radio. The currency is believed to be proceeds from the sale and distribution of narcotics, Duval County Sheriff Romeo Ramirez said.

DPS Air support and Duval County Sheriff's K-9 Devon was called in to assist on the search after s suspect fled the area during the execution of search warrant. K-9 Devon was able to locate and extract the suspect hiding in the nearby brush.

"This was a great combined joint effort on behalf off all agencies involved," Ramirez said. "The Duval County Sheriff's Office will continue to combat the war on drugs and illegal activity in Duval County in an effort to keep our communities safe."

The Garzas are charged with possession of marijuana over 50 pounds but less than 2000 pounds, money laundering and theft of a firearm. The pair are currently incarcerated at the Duval County Jail.

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