



# SAFESTREETS

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## Everett Police arrest two men involved in drug dealing on Smith Avenue

EVERETT - Everett Police officers made two arrests in the last week of men selling drugs to individuals who in turn deal to people on the streets in the Smith Avenue area.

On **March 25**, officers from the department's Community Outreach and Enforcement Team served a search warrant on an apartment in south Everett, where they seized more than a pound of heroin and a half-pound of meth, as well as cocaine, OxyContin, Suboxone, and nearly \$51,000 in cash.

Officers arrested Jesus Lopez Olivia at the apartment, after their investigation revealed that he had been using homeless individuals to sell drugs to people in the Smith Avenue area.

On **March 18**, after receiving information from a witness, officers arranged a drug deal with Miguel Angel Rodriguez. He was arrested after he arrived at the 2600 block of Cedar St with his young stepson in tow, as well as heroin and \$420 in cash. Officers recognized Rodriguez from their time working gang emphasis patrol. He is a local gang member associated with a house in North Everett.

"Last week's arrests are another example of the great work being done by our officers in that area," said Chief Dan Templeman. "They also underscore the growing challenge of drugs in our outreach and enforcement efforts. We are committed to offering support to those who are ready for a different life, while still holding accountable people engaged in criminal behavior on our streets."

Officers continue to focus on arresting those who are dealing meth and heroin in the Smith Avenue area, many of whom are not homeless. Just two days before the arrest of Rodriguez, officers working in the area contacted nine people, arrested five on drug charges and referred another to services.

### Learn more

Community members are invited to join Templeman and Mayor Ray Stephanson to learn more about the heroin and opioid epidemic at a community forum in late May. We'll post event details on our [Safe Streets page](#) in April.

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### Learn more:

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