



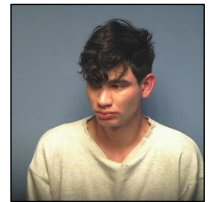
## Weapon Discharged In Dream Island Neighborhood

### Weekend Incident Results In The Arrest Of Two Men

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-January 19, 2025-**Shortly after midnight on January 18, 2025, Steamboat Springs Police Officers were called to the Dream Island neighborhood when a neighbor reported that someone fired several rounds from a firearm. Officers located multiple handgun casings and were able to determine through surveillance footage that a man appeared to have fired the rounds into the air and not at a specific target.

Officers were able to determine the residence the suspect entered after the shooting and surrounded that residence. Around 6:30 am, the Routt County SWAT Team entered the residence with a search warrant and took two men into custody for questioning. Neither man was determined to be the one who fired the gun.

One of the men, Jose M. Lara Figueroa, was charged with the following: Unlawful Possession Of A Controlled Substance; Unlawful Use Of A Controlled Substance; Tampering With Physical Evidence; and, Unlawful Distribution, Manufacturing, Dispensing, Or Sale Of A Controlled Substance.



On the morning of January 19, 2025, The Routt County SWAT Team completed a second search warrant on a neighboring unit. The man identified to have fired the handgun, Darwin J. Mejia Cruz, was located and taken into custody on charges of Reckless Endangerment and Prohibited Use of a Weapon.



SSPD encourages witnesses of this incident to contact Detective Alt (970-879-4344) concerning the case.

***All persons accused of crimes are presumed innocent until and unless their guilt is established beyond a reasonable doubt in court.***

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