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Dr. Jeffrey Freeseemann, photo from Highgrove Medical Center

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Bakersfield Police arrested seven people, including a prominent Bakersfield doctor, to conclude an 11-month narcotics investigation.

Six of the seven suspected drug dealers are from Bakersfield, including 46-year-old Dr. Jeffrey Freesemann of San Joaquin Community Hospital and Highgrove Medical Center, police announced Thursday.

Locals arrested for the sale of cocaine, methamphetamine and Ecstasy were Stephen Galvan Jr., 25; Tessa Galvan, 27; Phil Nunez, 26; Freesemann and wife Shelly Freesemann, 43; and Jonathan Warren, 19. Also arrested Wednesday was Michelle Tamaki Hori, 40, of Los Angeles.

Search warrants were served at homes on the 10200 block of Roe Hampton Drive, 3700 block of Q Street and 3800 block of Santillan Drive.

San Joaquin Community Hospital removed Freesemann from his post as elected chief of staff following his arrest.

"San Joaquin Community Hospital is fully committed to cooperating with all law enforcement and regulatory agencies," Associate Vice President Jarrod McNaughton said in a news release. "Our No. 1 priority is safe and high-quality patient care. While we wait for the police department to complete their investigation, our mission of caring for the community will continue."

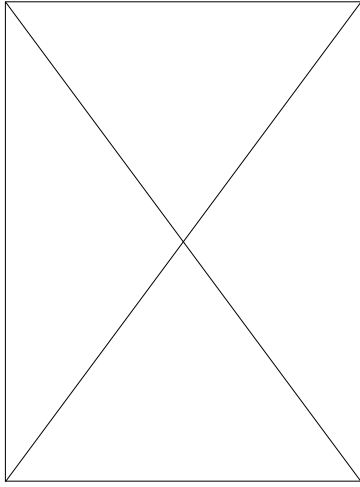
Freesemann was also the former president of the Kern County Medical Society and co-owns Highgrove Medical Clinic, according to an Associated Press report, which said Freesemann no longer worked at the clinic.

Bakersfield Police say the case started with their investigation into 25-year-old Stephen Galvan. They believe he was dealing various drugs at local night clubs.

Lt. Scott McDonald says officers discovered Galvan and another man allegedly planned to steal marijuana being grown at a house in the 3700 block of Meade Court.



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"We were able to foil that armed robbery as a result of this narcotics investigation," said Lt. McDonald.

Also in the case, officers discovered Galvan was getting prescription drugs from men living in a house in the 7400 block of Hooper. Lt. McDonald says one suspect would get a prescription, get the medication, then pass it to the other two suspects. They sold the drugs to Galvan.

Finally, officers say they stopped Dr. Freesemann, his wife and a friend as they drove to Nevada. In the car, officers say they found drugs and a gun.

Lt. McDonald says Galvan's operation was big. "Our initial indication is that Galvan could get a thousand Ecstasy tablets at a time and was moving large amounts of Ecstasy -- and was also able to deal in over a pound of cocaine or pound of methamphetamine at any given time."

Four other Bakersfield residents - Jeffery Cox, 20; Keith Royal, 46; Michael Kollenborn, 20; and Brandon Casper, 20 - were arrested on various narcotics charges during the course of the investigation.

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