



CJNG Members Arrested in Veracruz

OE Watch Commentary: On 7 February 2019, Mexican authorities conducted a successful operation as part of the “United for the Construction of Peace in Veracruz” program, which is led by a team of secretariats of the National Defense (SEDENA), Mexican Navy (SEMAR) and Public Security (SSP), as well as the federal police. The accompanying passages discuss the outcome of the operation.

As the passages discuss, the authorities arrested two alleged Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG) members in the city of Tierra Blanca in the state of Veracruz. The accompanying excerpt from the Veracruz Governor’s office states that 22-year old Alejandro from Tres Valles told authorities that he was employed by “El Tío” and “El 20.” The other alleged member, named Cornelio, from the town of José María Morelos stated that he worked for “El Muñeco” and was in part responsible for securing weapons and tactical equipment for the group. The Governor’s statement continued that authorities seized a white Honda CRV-type vehicle and discovered five R-15 long weapons, three AK-47s, a 22-mm caliber hunting rifle, a 16-mm shotgun, as well as a large amount of ammunition. Seized tactical equipment included 32 ballistic plates, 22 tactical vests, a variety of camouflaged uniforms with CJNG initials, Kevlar helmets, portable radios and radio frequency modules, and a credential holder of the Attorney General’s Office of Veracruz. According to another excerpted article by Mexico based news outlet, *Costa Veracruz*, authorities also seized 134 bags of what appeared to be crystal meth and 75 bags of marijuana. **End OE Watch Commentary (Bunker and Keshavarz)**

Source: “Detienen a dos presuntos integrantes del CJNG, en Tierra Blanca (Two alleged CJNG members arrested in Tierra Blanca),” *Veracruz Gobierno del Estado*, 7 February 2019. <http://www.veracruz.gob.mx/2019/02/07/detienen-a-dos-presuntos-integrantes-del-cjng-en-tierra-blanca/>

“Two alleged CJNG members were arrested in the city of Tierra Blanca in the state of Veracruz. Authorities seized armaments, tactical equipment, harmful substances, and a van.”

Source: “Detienen a narcos con todo un arsenal en Tierra Blanca (Drug traffickers arrested with an arsenal in Tierra Blanca),” *Costa Veracruz*, 7 February 2019. <https://costaveracruz.net/2019/02/07/detienen-a-narcos-con-todo-un-arsenal-en-tierra-blanca/>

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