

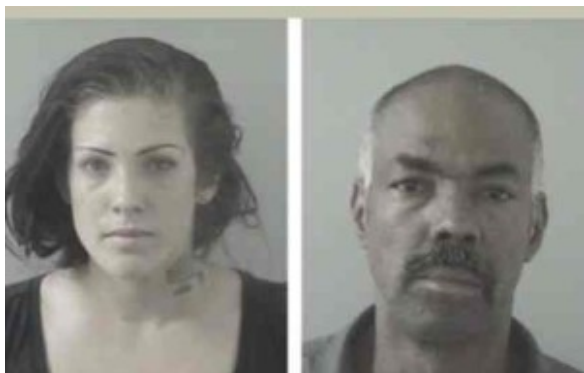
West Slope residents arrested on drug charges

By Cathy Locke, Sacramento Bee

A three-month investigation by the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office has led to the arrest of a 51-year-old parolee from Placerville accused of selling heroin to undercover detectives.

The investigation began in January when sheriff's patrol deputies received a report of a man threatening the life of another person. The man accused of making the threats was identified as parolee Ronnie Chambers, according to a sheriff's office news release.

While investigating the threat, detectives discovered that Chambers wanted to sell cocaine, sheriff's officials said.



Lauren Bond and Ronnie Chambers

During January, undercover detectives called Chambers and arranged to purchase \$200 worth of cocaine from him.

They arranged to meet Chambers in Placerville, where Chambers reportedly sold them a substance that appeared to be cocaine.

The substance, however, was later determined to be crushed

pills that contained morphine, sheriff's officials said.

Undercover detectives later phoned Chambers and complained that they were not happy with his product. They told him they wanted their money back or the cocaine he originally promised them.

In February, while still investigating the threats, undercover detectives met with Chambers. At that time, Chambers provided them with \$100 of the original \$200 and a small amount of crystal methamphetamine, sheriff's officials said.

Earlier this month, Chambers contacted the undercover detectives and offered to sell them heroin, which the detectives subsequently purchased from him, according to the news release.

At that time, Chambers was arrested along with a passenger in his vehicle, Lauren Bond, 22, of Shingle Springs.

Bond is accused of being in possession of narcotics paraphernalia at the time and having an active narcotics warrant for her arrest. Both were booked into El Dorado County jail on Thursday.

Sheriff's officials said Chambers was on unsupervised parole and was also arrested on suspension of five drug-related felony offenses. He is being held without bail.