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A multi-agency effort led to the arrest of a man who had broken his parole by unlawfully owning a firearm.

On August 26, around 2:00 p.m., the New Mexico State Police, as part of the metro proactive crime suppression and traffic enforcement operation arrested Christopher Perez, 24, of Albuquerque.

Perez, who had outstanding federal warrants for probation violation on the charge of unlawful possession of a firearm was known through investigation to be inside a residence at 312 Aztec Rd NW in Albuquerque. Agents from the NMSP Auto Theft Unit, Violent Crimes Task Force Unit, Crime Suppression Unit, Special Investigations Unit, and Fugitive Apprehension Unit along with NMSP Tactical Team members, New Mexico Department of Corrections, Adult Probation and Parole, and APD SWAT arrived at the residence to contact Perez and take him into custody.

As agents approached the residence, they saw Perez flee the residence into the yard and attempt to evade them. Agents believed Perez was still on the property, so a perimeter was established around the area. For the next four and a half hours agents searched the area and gave multiple verbal commands over loudspeakers asking Perez to surrender peacefully.

At around 6:30 p.m., Perez was located in a crawl space under the residence. Tactical team members and Crisis Negotiators persuaded Perez to crawl out and he was taken into custody without further incident. Perez was booked into the Metro Detention Center.

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