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******PRESS RELEASE****WALLA WALLA POLICE DEPT****
Gang Member Arrested on Rape Charges, Firearms Recovered**

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SWAT Team members and Detectives from the Walla Walla Police Department served a search warrant at 1166 W. Elm yesterday around 11:00 a.m. The team was able to take the sole occupant, Johnny Gonzalez, 22, into custody without incident when he came outside as the officers were approaching the home.

The search warrant was issued as part of a rape investigation which alleges Gonzalez was having sex with a 13-year-old girl. Gonzalez, a known gang member and convicted felon, was interviewed by Detectives before being lodged in jail for Rape of a Child 2nd Degree. He admitted to having sex with the girl during the interview.

During the execution of the warrant for evidence related to the sex crime, the search was halted when guns and drug paraphernalia were located. An amended warrant was prepared and served later in the day which resulted in the seizure of four firearms, several types of ammunition, drug paraphernalia, weighing scales, a small quantity of suspected Methamphetamine, and several cell phones.

Additional felony charges of 4 counts of 1st Degree Unlawful Possession of Firearms, (Felon in possession), and felony drug possession (Methamphetamine) were added to the Probable Cause booking sheet.

Gonzalez's prior felony conviction stemmed from a shooting last year in the parking lot at the Cenex Convenience store, 9th Avenue and Rose Street. During that assault, he sustained a shotgun blast to his face, which resulted in the loss of his left eye.

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