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Two Cibola County men were jailed April 28 in connection to a drug bust in the Village of Milan, officials said.

Joseph Torrez and George Gallegos were taken into custody at the Cibola County Corrections Center on various felony charges. The charges ranged from drugs to weapons violations.

Village of Milan Police Chief Pat Salazar said at about 6 am Friday that officers from the Milan and Grants police departments and the Cibola County Sheriff's Office raided the San Jose Street residence of Torrez and came away with a litany of drug-related crimes.

"This is something that won't be tolerated in Milan or anywhere in Cibola County for that matter," Salazar said.

In explaining the raid, Salazar said Torrez was charged with possession of heroin with the intent to traffic, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and receiving stolen property.

A second man, George Gallegos was at the Torrez residence, located at 618 San Jose, and charged with possession of a stolen firearm, possession of heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Torrez was jailed without bond. The bond amount of Gallegos was not immediately available. Torrez is a convicted felon with past drug charges in Cibola County.

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"This is an example of what a multi-agency task force can do with respect to putting resources together," Cibola County Sheriff Tony Mace said.

