

# Ogden man involved in ACLU gang injunction lawsuit accused of possessing meth

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OGDEN — A plaintiff involved in an [ongoing lawsuit against Weber County and the Weber County Attorney](#) was arrested Friday and is accused of possessing methamphetamine.

Daniel Joseph Lucero, 31, was booked in jail Friday night on one count of distribute/offer/arrange distribution of a controlled substance, a second-degree felony.

Charging documents allege that Lucero was near the 800 block of 25th Street when he was stopped by an agent with Adult Probation and Parole.

He initially “refused” to be searched, but Lucero’s parole agreement states he’s able to be searched at any time by a parole agent, according to the charging document.

Agents searched his pockets and allegedly found a “distributable” amount of meth. The affidavit says the amount of meth allegedly found in Lucero’s pocket is “more than the common amount for personal use.”

Agents searched Lucero’s vehicle and allegedly found a digital scale with “white residue” on it, according to charging documents.

Lucero is one of two plaintiffs involved in a civil lawsuit stemming from the now-defunct Ogden gang injunction.

The gang injunction — established in 2010 — restricted Ogden Trece gang members from associating with each other and set an 11 p.m. curfew, among other regulations. The injunction was thrown out by the Utah Supreme Court in 2014 after the court determined gang leaders had not been served the injunction.

The lawsuit was [filed against city and county agencies](#) in October 2015.

Lucero reportedly was not a Trece gang member, but law enforcement thought otherwise because he had family members in the gang. He was served with the injunction in 2010 and charged with violating it in 2012.

ACLU communications manager Jason Stevenson said Lucero’s arrest doesn’t impact their ongoing lawsuit, and there is no connection between the two cases.

Lucero was [arrested less than two weeks after the lawsuit was filed](#) in 2015, and later pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor drug charge.

In February, the ACLU announced they had reached a settlement with Ogden City, but had yet to reach a resolution with the county and county officials.

As of Monday, the lawsuit was ongoing, and the parties involved have yet to reach an agreement to resolve the suit.

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