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Director's Message

The Oregon-Idaho HIDTA recently applied for and was awarded a total of \$410,755 in HIDTA discretionary funds to support 3 strategic initiatives, one of which is to support Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) work being conducted in the region. \$250,000 will provide additional analytical assistance by hiring two people to analyze data that is collected, stored and connected via the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) operated National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN). NIBIN allows for the capture and comparison of ballistics evidence to aid in solving and preventing violent crimes involving firearms. NIBIN is vital to any violent crime reduction strategy, because it provides investigators the ability to compare their ballistics evidence against evidence from other violent crimes on a national, regional and local level, thus generating investigative links that would rarely be revealed absent the technology.

Oregon-Idaho HIDTA enforcement initiatives have seized an average of 945 firearms from drug traffickers per year over the past 3 years. Without a doubt, a number of those firearms had previously been used during the commission of a violent crime. Support provided by the analysts hired as a result of this discretionary grant ensures that the shell casings from firearms seized by Oregon-Idaho HIDTA initiatives will be tested, compared against shell casings taken from crime scenes across the country, and when matched to other cases, allow for the necessary analysis required to ultimately identify violent crime suspects.

We are working to get the analysts hired, trained and fully functional as close to the new year as possible. The CGIC partnership initiative is an eight HIDTA collaboration with each receiving equal funding to support the individual needs within their region.

In addition to the funding for the analysts to support CGIC work, we were also awarded \$68,355 to purchase enhanced drug testing equipment that will be deployed by the Medford Area Drug & Gang Enforcement (MADGE) in Southern Oregon and \$92,400 for equipment and data enhancements in the region. The enhanced drug testing equipment purchased by MADGE will more effectively and safely test for the presence of fentanyl in drugs that are seized. The equipment and data enhancement funding will provide for more effective and efficient case information sharing within and outside of the Oregon-Idaho HIDTA region.

Congratulations to Multnomah County Sheriff and Oregon-Idaho HIDTA Executive Board member Mike Reese on his upcoming retirement. In addition to being a valued member of the Oregon law enforcement community, Sheriff Reese has been a staunch advocate of intelligence led, fair and impartial drug enforcement. Sheriff Reese, who served one term as the Executive Board Chair, leaves a legacy of selfless leadership and commitment to the communities that he has served.

***Chris Gibson, Director
Oregon-Idaho HIDTA Program***

BLUE MOUNTAIN ENFORCEMENT NARCOTICS TEAM

◆ On August 6, 2022, Rudolfo Rivera Ceja was arrested during a traffic stop conducted by the Milton Freewater Police Department. Ceja was found to be in possession of 36.78 grams of methamphetamine. A search warrant was applied for and granted for Ceja's vehicle. No other illegal drugs were found in the vehicle but the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team (BENT) recovered over \$10,000 worth of stolen property.

◆ In September 2022, BENT concluded a long term investigation with the arrest of a subject. Detectives identified the subject as a drug courier working in a previously identified drug trafficking organization BENT had disrupted.

Detectives identified the subject as a distributor of large quantities of fentanyl and methamphetamine in and around Umatilla County, Oregon.

Following a planned operation, he was found to be in possession of over 5,000 dosage units of fentanyl laced pills, 4 pounds of methamphetamine and a firearm.

Over the course of the investigation BENT seized over 8 pounds of methamphetamine, over 6,000 dosage units of fentanyl laced pills and 1 handgun.



Drugs and firearms seized by BENT

◆ On September 4, 2022, BENT assisted the Oregon State Police with a drug investigation resulting in the arrest of a male subject. The male subject was arrested following a traffic stop for suspicion of DUII. The male subject was found to be in possession of 1 pound of methamphetamine and a handgun.

The subject is believed to be part of a drug trafficking organization (DTO) out of Yakima, Washington. BENT is assisting with furthering the drug investigation.

◆ On September 12, 2022, BENT arrested a subject for an ongoing investigation related to trafficking fentanyl in Umatilla County, Oregon. The subject had been arrested mid-2021 and was on pre-trial release. BENT learned the subject continued to distribute fentanyl, prompting a new investigation.

Subject was arrested with an amount of fentanyl and is custody awaiting trial.

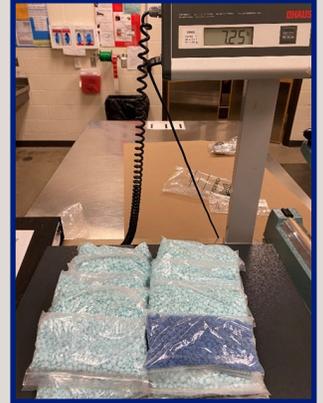
◆ On September 26, 2022, BENT concluded a drug investigation relating to the unlawful manufacture of marijuana. BENT, along with the Pendleton Police Department had received numerous complaints of a residence within Pendleton city limits of manufacturing marijuana. Investigation revealed the occupants of the residence were not in compliance with Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP) laws.

Pursuant to a consent search, BENT seized 24 adult marijuana plants. The case is being forwarded to the Umatilla County District Attorney's Office for consideration of charges of unlawful manufacture and distribution of marijuana.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE

- In mid-August, members of the Clackamas County Inter-Agency Task Force (CCITF) assisted Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) with a buy bust in a parking lot in Oregon City. A Confidential Informant (CI) was put in touch with a source of supply (SOS) in Mexico and a deal was arranged to deliver 30,000 fentanyl M30 pills. The CI arranged to meet the local contact in a parking lot and investigators set up in advance to take the driver down.

Upon arrest and consent search of the vehicle, investigators located a lunch box with several ziplock style bags packaged inside a garbage bag. Notably, one ziplock bag contained a darker blue version of the counterfeit M30 pills. CCITF and HSI investigators took one subject into custody.



Pictured above and left: fentanyl seizure

- In mid-August 2022, CCITF investigators, with the assistance of Multnomah County Special Investigations Unit (SIU), and Gresham Police, executed a search warrant at an apartment located in Gresham, OR following several months of investigation. The subject of the investigation was a known dealer of cocaine and believed to have firearms.

During the execution of the search warrant, investigators seized nine firearms, suppressors, drug ledgers, 491.1 grams of cocaine, 37.8 grams of methamphetamine, 263.8 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, and just under \$5,000.



Gresham drug seizure

Pictured below and right: Gresham firearms seizure



- On September 13, 2022, CCITF members assisted the Oregon State Police (OSP) Northwest Region Marijuana Team as they served search warrants at a 75-acre property on South Criteser Road, just south of Oregon City, OR. OSP said the investigation began after the discovery of 22 greenhouses that were not registered to grow hemp or licensed to grow marijuana. During the search of the property, investigators found nine horses and four cows that were malnourished and in need of care. The Oregon Humane Society and Sound Equine Options responded and took in the livestock.

Investigators also found 2,987 marijuana plants, about 3,000 pounds of bulk marijuana, four firearms, and stolen property including two tractors, a track hoe, a travel trailer, a heavy-haul trailer, a pickup truck and an SUV. OSP also said a Lamborghini sports car was seized as a suspected proceed of the illegal marijuana growing operation.

Eight people living in multiple locations throughout the property were contacted by investigators. OSP said the case and potential felony marijuana and animal neglect charges will be referred to the Clackamas County District Attorney's Office.



CENTRAL OREGON DRUG ENFORCEMENT

◆ The Central Oregon Drug Enforcement (CODE) Team welcomes Bend Police drug detection K9 ‘Ladybug’ and her handler, Detective Rob Pennock, to the team. ‘Ladybug’ is highly trained at using her sense of smell to detect a variety of controlled substances, except marijuana. She will be a valuable tool to her teammates during our investigations all around central Oregon. ‘Ladybug’ was selected to join CODE based on her unusually high play, prey, hunt and retrieve drives. ‘Ladybug’ was also selected based on her socialization, personality, size, and confidence in all environments such as elevated and slick surfaces, confined spaces, and inclement weather. Detective Pennock and ‘Ladybug’ have taken and passed the Drug Detection Dog Certification Test as written and administered by WSPCA (Washington State Police Canine Association) as well as the OPCA (Oregon Police Canine Association) and CNCA (California Narcotic Canine Association).



‘Ladybug’, who recently celebrated her 10th birthday, is a Belgian Malinois from California. When she’s not working, she enjoys hanging out around campfire with her family and lots of tummy scratches.

◆ On July 6, 2022, detectives with the Deschutes County Illegal Marijuana Enforcement (DCIME) team and CODE concluded an eighteen-month investigation involving a drug organization that is alleged to be growing and processing illicit marijuana in Bend, Oregon, before delivering it around the pacific northwest.

This case began with community complaints and tips about one of the organization's grow locations on Nelson Rd in the unincorporated area of Bend, Oregon. As a result, DCIME began investigating and discovered a second grow site in the unincorporated area of Tumalo, east of Bend, Oregon. DCIME requested the assistance of the CODE team to further their investigation. As a result, over the next year, CODE and DCIME detectives, special agents, and intelligence analysts conducted many hours of physical and electronic surveillance of the organization's two properties around the pacific northwest. Since these are outdoor grows, the sites were dormant during winter and resumed in spring.

During the search warrants, 6,868 plants were seized. The estimated street value of this black market marijuana is \$3.5 million. Most of the Mexican-national laborers contacted by detectives were trafficked into the United States and promised \$20 per day to tend the grow sites. At the Nelson Rd address, the laborers lived in squalor. They used outdoor toilets and prepared their food in a primitive outdoor kitchen. During the search warrant execution on Half Mile Ln, Jose Cuevas-Garcia, age 46 of Michoacan, Mexico, was hiding in a closet. Bend Police K-9, ‘Kim’, was deployed to search the home where she discovered Mr. Cuevas-Garcia. Mr. Cuevas-Garcia fought with K-9 ‘Kim’ and injured her snout during the struggle. Regardless of her injuries, ‘Kim’ continued to assist Mr. Cuevas-Garcia out of the closet where officers arrested him. ‘Kim’ was later treated for her injuries and is resting comfortably. Mr. Cuevas-Garcia was transported to St Charles Health System - Bend for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries before being lodged at the Deschutes County Sheriff's Jail.



These commercial grown operations were located in rural agricultural areas of Deschutes County. Most of this area's residents depend on the ground or well water for their households and own agricultural ventures. In March 2022, Governor Brown declared Deschutes County to be in extreme drought conditions and struggling with consistent groundwater sources. Investigators have found illegal marijuana grows diverted or stole significant water from nearby homes, commercial farms, or directly from pumps connected to underground sources in the arid central Oregon high desert. For example, the Nelson Rd grow site alternated between underground well water and diverted irrigation canal water while maintaining a complex watering system that supplied marijuana production. Four laborers were detained, identified, interviewed, and later released by detectives. Four people were arrested at the scenes and later lodged at the Deschutes County Sheriff's Jail charged with Unlawful Manufacturing of Marijuana. They are: Darin Joseph Niemeyer, age 62, of Bend, Oregon; Jose Andres Mendoza-Lizarda, age 40, of Pasco, Washington; Felipe Chavez -Arreguin, age 25 of Michoacan, Mexico; and Jose Cuevas-Garcia, age 46 of Michoacan, Mexico.

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- ◆ On July 15, 2022, CODE concluded a short-term investigation with the arrest of Michael Quinn Hollibaugh, age 41, of Bend, Oregon. During a concurrent investigation, drug agents identified Hollibaugh as a fentanyl trafficker in the central Oregon area. The initial investigation alleges Mr. Hollibaugh imported fentanyl pills from the Portland area into central Oregon where he distributes them.

During a multi-county surveillance operation, CODE detectives observed criminal behavior consistent with drug distribution. At approximately, 4:00 AM, Mr. Hollibaugh was contacted during a traffic stop on Highway 97 at mile post 113 while he was driving a white Audi station wagon. As Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) deputies initiated the stop, Hollibaugh attempted to throw a package containing fake fentanyl tablets from the moving vehicle. CODE detectives and DCSO deputies gathered and seized a commercial quantity of fake pharmaceutical tablets made of fentanyl and other evidence of commercial drug sales.

While being transported to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Jail, Hollibaugh became unresponsive in the back of a patrol car. The DCSO deputy recognized that Hollibaugh was in distress and pulled onto the highway shoulder before providing emergency medical interventions. Redmond Fire Department paramedics arrived and transported Hollibaugh to St Charles Health System – Redmond where he was treated and later released to deputies. Mr. Hollibaugh was lodged in the Deschutes County Sheriff's Jail.



Fentanyl pills seized from Hollibaugh

- ◆ On July 22, 2022, the CODE team concluded a short-term investigation with the arrest of Dustin Phillip Murray, age 33, of Prineville, Oregon. During a concurrent investigation, drug agents identified Murray as a fentanyl trafficker in the Crook County Oregon area. The initial investigation alleges Mr. Murray imported fentanyl pills from the Portland area into central Oregon where he distributes them.

During a multi-county surveillance operation, CODE detectives applied for, obtained, and executed a search warrant. At approximately, 11:15 PM, Mr. Murray was contacted during a traffic stop on Highway 126 near the Prineville airport while he was driving a Toyota Tacoma. CODE detectives and DCSO deputies gathered and seized a commercial quantity of fake pharmaceutical tablets made of fentanyl along with other evidence of commercial drug sales.

- ◆ On August 10, 2022, CODE concluded a long-term investigation with the arrest of Israel Sanchez-Villagomez, age 26, of Prineville, Oregon and Katlyn A McCue, age 22, of Redmond, Oregon. During a concurrent investigation, drug agents identified Israel Sanchez-Villagomez as a fentanyl trafficker in the Crook County Oregon area. The initial investigation alleges Mr. Israel Sanchez-Villagomez imported fentanyl pills from the SE Portland / Gresham area into central Oregon where he distributes them throughout the community.



Drugs and firearm seized from Sanchez-Villagomez

Detectives had received information that Israel Sanchez-Villagomez may be armed with a firearm.

Following an overnight multi-county surveillance operation, CODE detectives applied for, obtained, and executed a search warrant. At approximately, 11:15AM, Mr. Israel Sanchez-Villagomez and his girlfriend, Katlyn A. McCue were contacted during a traffic stop on Highway 26 near NW Ryegrass Rd while she was driving an Audi A4.

CODE detectives and Crook County SO deputies gathered and seized a commercial quantity of fake pharmaceutical tablets made of fentanyl along with powder fentanyl, cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and other evidence of commercial drug sales from within the Audi. In addition to the drugs, Israel Sanchez-Villagomez, a previously convicted felon, was also in possession of a loaded Smith & Wesson revolver.

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- ◆ On Friday, August 12, 2022, detectives with the Oregon State Police, CODE, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Deschutes County Illegal Marijuana Enforcement team, and United States Homeland Security Investigations executed a search warrant in Madras, Oregon. This is a continuation of a June 2022 investigation and series of search warrants related to the international drug organization that is alleged to be growing and processing illicit marijuana from Madras and Culver, Oregon before delivering it to Portland for nationwide distribution.

Detectives applied for and received a search warrant for 637 NE 10th St, in Madras. During this search warrant, 60 lbs. of bulk unprocessed marijuana and 807 plants were seized. Several additional suspects, both foreign and domestic, have been identified. Detectives expect additional arrests are forthcoming once additional follow-up investigations and search warrants are complete.

Detectives found this particular grow site used jerry-rigged copper wire that bypassed the circuit breakers, inferior extension cords, and power strips secured with zip ties as permanent exterior wiring for processing equipment, lighting, fans, etc. Overloaded electrical wiring has caused fires in other marijuana grow facilities. This remains an active investigation. CODE and DCIME have identified additional grow sites operated by this organization. Investigators know the remaining locations and will continue to dismantle these sites as the investigation progresses.

- ◆ On September 27, 2022, CODE detectives and the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Street Crimes Unit concluded a short term narcotics investigation with the arrest of Daniel James Peralta, 35-year-old Bend, OR resident, and Joshua Ray Walter, 41-year-old Lapine, OR resident.

On this date, detectives conducted a multi-county surveillance operation and while doing so developed information that was consistent with drug distribution. At approximately 12:15 PM, members of the Warm Springs Tribal Police Department, along with narcotics investigators, conducted a traffic stop on a 2008, white in color, Cadillac STS on US Hwy 26 near mile marker 98, which is on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. Peralta was the driver of the vehicle and Walter was the passenger in the vehicle. During the stop, Warm Springs Tribal Police Department deployed their narcotics detection K-9 'Keira' who alerted to the presence of controlled substances in the vehicle.

A subsequent search of the vehicle led to the discovery of a commercial quantity of methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and prescription pills made of fentanyl. Peralta was lodged at the Jefferson County Adult Jail on an outstanding fugitive from justice arrest warrant issued out of Clackamas County, OR. Both Peralta and Walter were issued criminal citations for the Unlawful Possession and Distribution of Methamphetamine, Cocaine, Heroin and for the Attempted Distribution of a Schedule II Controlled Substance. This case has been forwarded to the United States Attorney's Office for prosecution.

DOUGLAS INTERAGENCY NARCOTICS TEAM

- ◆ During the 3rd quarter, the Douglas Interagency Narcotics Team (DINT) has seized substantial quantities of methamphetamine and heroin. Additionally, DINT has served several search warrants on illegal marijuana growing operations operating in Douglas County.

- ◆ On July 18, 2022, DINT detectives were conducting an operation in Oakland, OR. Detectives contacted 45 year old Charity Allen of Myrtle Creek and 43 year old Jeremy Young near the intersection First and Locust. K-9 'Trapper' was deployed on both Allen and Young's vehicle, where he alerted to the presence of controlled substances. Allen and Young were found to be in possession of approximately 17 ounces (1.06 lbs.) of methamphetamine.

Young was lodged at the Douglas County Jail for Attempted Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Allen is pending charges of Unlawful Delivery and Possession of Methamphetamine.

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- ◆ On July, 21, 2022, DINT, with the assistance of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office served two search warrants in the 3000 block of Upper Cow Creek Road, in Azalea, OR. The locations had two black market illegal marijuana growing operations occurring. In addition to the illegal marijuana grows, detectives uncovered copious amounts of trash, multiple planning violations and illegal water usage. DINT seized and destroyed 3,965 marijuana plants from the two locations. Multiple individuals unrelated to the marijuana operation were arrested on outstanding warrants. Investigation into the suspects of the marijuana operation is continuing and arrests are anticipated.
- ◆ On July 27, 2022, DINT conducted an operation in the Canyonville area. DINT conducted a traffic stop in the 500 block of Stagecoach Road, Canyonville. Detectives contacted 51 year old Randall Slay of Myrtle Creek, OR who was the sole operator of the vehicle. K-9 'Trapper' was deployed to Slay's vehicle and alerted to the presence of controlled substances. Approximately 14.25 ounces of methamphetamine and 23.6 grams of heroin was located in Slay's vehicle. Slay was lodged at the Douglas County Jail for Attempted Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, Attempted Delivery of Heroin, Unlawful Possession of Heroin and a Parole Violation.
- ◆ On July 29, 2022, DINT served a search warrant in the 4000 block of S Myrtle Road, in Myrtle Creek. A large illegal marijuana operation was being operated on the property. Detectives located three firearms and additional evidence associated with the illegal operation. DINT also discovered water use violations in addition to trash, human feces and fertilizer being discarded along the water way. A total of 1,738 marijuana plants were seized and destroyed.

Jesus Ayala Faris, age 28, was arrested and lodged at the Douglas County Jail for Unlawful Manufacture of Marijuana and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana. Additionally, the property owner, Harlan Phelps, was cited and released at the scene for Unlawful Manufacture of Marijuana.

- ◆ On July 29, 2022, DINT conducted an operation in the city of Roseburg. During the operation detectives contacted 20 year old Ty Keenan of Klamath Falls, OR. Keenan was found to be in possession of a firearm concealed on his person, as well as 38 grams of methamphetamine. Keenan was lodged at the Douglas County Jail for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Attempted Delivery of Methamphetamine, and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine.
- ◆ On August 5, 2022, DINT conducted an investigation into an illegal marijuana grow occurring in the 2000 block of Green Valley Road, Oakland. Detectives seized and destroyed 896 marijuana plants. This investigation is ongoing.
- ◆ On August 10, 2022, DINT served a search warrant in the 4000 block of Glenbrook Loop Road, in Riddle, OR. The search warrant was in relation to an illegal marijuana growing operation occurring on the property. During the service of the search warrant detectives seized and destroyed 5,573 marijuana plants. In addition to the illegal marijuana, detectives located multiple makeshift, unpermitted living structures. Detectives also learned water for the operation was initially being provided by a well on the property and held in a large swimming pool, until the well was no longer viable to produce sufficient water supply. During the service of the warrant, detectives contacted a water delivery truck who was transporting water to the property (violation of House Bill 4061).
Juan Villegas-Beaz, age 28, was arrested and lodged at the Douglas County Jail for Unlawful Manufacture of Marijuana and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana. Kevin Welker, age 61, of Winston, OR was also arrested and lodged at the Douglas County Jail for the Unlawful Water Transportation to a Marijuana Grow Site.
- ◆ On August 10, 2022, DINT served a second warrant in the 2,000 block of Glenbrook Loop Road, in Riddle. This location was also the site of an illegal marijuana grow. The site had been partially harvested, but detectives still seized and destroyed 583 marijuana plants which were scheduled to be harvested within the coming days. As with other illegal marijuana sites, this location was also illegally using water to maintain the illegal growing operation. Investigation into this operation is on going and arrests are anticipated.

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◆ On August 17, 2022, DINT detectives served a search warrant in the 31000 block of Cow Creek Road, Glendale, OR. During the service of the search warrant detectives located 303 very large illegal marijuana plants, 825 pounds of processed marijuana, as well as an illegal marijuana concentrate extraction lab. Detectives also located a substantial amount of US Currency, gold/silver, and records showing distribution. This search warrant revealed a largescale operation with other illegal marijuana grows occurring in Douglas County and Josephine County. Additional warrants were served on the other illegal marijuana grow operations. DINT served a second search warrant in relation to this case in the 900 block of Reuben Road, in Glendale. During the service of the warrant on Reuben Road, detectives seized and destroyed 123 large marijuana plants.

DINT contacted the Josephine County Marijuana Enforcement Team (JMET) and informed them of an illegal marijuana grow occurring in their county. JMET served a search warrant at the location and discovered in excess of 3,000 marijuana plants, multiple firearms, silver and cash. DINT was assisted on this case by JMET and the DEA. 69 year old Robert Jones and 63 year old Robin Prinzing were arrested and lodged at the Douglas County Jail for Unlawful Manufacture of Marijuana, Unlawful Delivery of Marijuana, Unlawful Possession of Marijuana, and Money Laundering. Additional arrests in this investigation are anticipated.

◆ On August 18, 2022, DINT detectives conducted an operation in the city of Winston, Oregon. DINT detectives contacted 62 year old Theresa Dostie of Winston and 49 year old Lori Johnson of Winston in the 90 block of S Main Street, Winston. K-9 'Trapper' was deployed on the vehicle and gave a positive alert to the presence of controlled substances. A search of their vehicle revealed approximately 11 ounces of methamphetamine.

Johnson was lodged at the Douglas County Jail for Attempted Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine and on an outstanding warrant. Dostie was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants.

◆ On August 23, 2022, DINT detectives executed a search warrant at a residence in the 4,000 block of Dole Road in Myrtle Creek, OR. This was another of the large scale illegal operations DINT has been repeatedly seeing in the area, often times owned and operated by foreign drug cartels. This particular location was raided twice by DINT in 2013, also for illegal marijuana operations.

DINT detectives arrived at the location and found several large greenhouses completely surrounding the residence, full of live marijuana plants, as well as the hillsides around the residence terraced with hundreds of growing marijuana plants. The residence was being used as sleeping quarters and work area for a large scale commercial operation. The adjacent shop area was being used as an indoor growing area as well as a marijuana processing area.

There were major water use violations, dangerous electrical code violations, as well as environmental wreckage from misuse of pesticides and fertilizers. These issues have been common problems with unlawful grow sites.

In total DINT seized 2,154 live marijuana plants, and 1,900 pounds of processed marijuana ready for market. No one was located on the property at the time of the search warrant, but the investigation is continuing and arrests are anticipated.

Pictured right: one of several large greenhouses located on the Dole Rd property in Myrtle Creek, OR



HIDTA INTERDICTION TASKFORCE

◆ During the third quarter of 2022 members of the HIDTA Interdiction Taskforce (HIT) were called out to investigate the fatal overdose death of a 17 year old female juvenile victim. At the scene was one and a half blue M/30 pills. Using the victim's cell phone, HIT investigators identified the drug dealer and set up surveillance at his workplace. During surveillance of the dealer, investigators observed him walk to his parked vehicle where he started to smoke a blue M/30 pill. HIT investigators arrested the dealer who admitted to selling the lethal drugs to the 17 year old victim.

With the dealer's cell phone, HIT investigators identified the next level (level 2) dealer who sold him the blue M/30 pills. Investigators set up a buy/bust of level 2 who showed up with blue M/30 pills. Level 2 was arrested. Investigators collected enough evidence to continue the overdose investigation to level 3. Level 3 was a convicted felon and on Post-Prison Supervision for Attempted Murder and has a criminal history of Unlawful Use of a Weapon, and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. The Portland Police Bureau Special Emergency Reaction Team (SERT) executed a search warrant at level 3's residence where multi-colored Skittle looking fentanyl pills were seized.

During the overdose investigation 4 subjects were arrested, over 1,000 fentanyl pills seized, cash and a 9mm handgun seized. Investigative tactics included a Snap Chat warrant, phone ping warrants, tracker warrant and a Federal search warrant for the residence.



Fentanyl, firearm, and cash seized from overdose death investigation

◆ On September 30, 2022, the United States Attorney's Office, District of Oregon announced that a 42-year-old Portland man is facing federal charges for targeting and selling drugs to local high school students. Jonathon Ash Clark aka "Jonathan Ash Clark" has been charged by federal criminal complaint with possessing with intent to distribute a controlled substance, distributing a controlled substance to a person under the age of 21, and using a minor in drug operations.

According to court documents, on September 28, 2022, Portland Public Schools officials contacted the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) to request assistance locating a missing student. School officials received word that the student was last observed with Clark, a suspected supplier of drugs for students. To quickly locate the student, responding PPB officers requested the assistance of the bureau's Narcotics and Organized Crime Unit (NOC), the Oregon-Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Interdiction Task Force (HIT), and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

Investigators soon located the missing student with Clark in Powell Park in southeast Portland. Officers contacted Clark and learned that he had an outstanding arrest warrant in Clackamas County for violating a protective order. During his arrest, officers searched Clark's backpack and located small amounts of cocaine and MDMA, and a digital scale covered in white powder residue. Clark later admitted to selling drugs to minors. This case was investigated by HIT, PPB NOC, and HSI. It is being prosecuted by Scott Kerin, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon.

IDAHO STATE POLICE - DOMESTIC HIGHWAY ENFORCEMENT

◆ During the month of August 2022, the Idaho State Police Domestic Highway Enforcement (ISP DHE) Team, in cooperation with multiple Idaho law enforcement agencies, conducted multiple focused operations around the state in support of the DHE Mission and the American Governors' Border Strike Force (Operation Able Vanguard). These combined operations resulted in 246 traffic stops; 35 misdemeanor charges; 43 felony charges; 1 felony eluding; discovery of a laptop/gift card retail theft crew; \$27,797 of currency seized. Also seized was 1 ounce of cocaine, over 2,300 fentanyl pills, nearly 5 ounces of heroin, 1.03 pounds of methamphetamine, and 193 pounds of marijuana.

◆ On August 15, 2022, an ISP trooper conducted a traffic stop in Bannock County on a blue Kia Sedona with Minnesota plates for multiple lane change violations. During the stop, the trooper observed marijuana in plain view. Trooper investigation revealed that this vehicle was travelling in tandem with an additional "bait" vehicle. While conducting a search of the vehicle, the trooper located 187 pounds of marijuana and 2 pounds of THC wax under a mattress. The driver was arrested.

Another trooper conducted a traffic stop on the bait vehicle, a tan Buick sedan, and found evidence that the two vehicles were travelling in coordination. The operator of this vehicle was arrested as well.

◆ On August 18, 2022, an ISP trooper conducted a traffic stop in Kootenai County on a black Toyota Camry with Montana plates for failure to signal and inattentive driving violations. During the stop, the trooper observed indicators of driver drug impairment and recent drug use. A backup trooper was speaking with the passenger and observed drug paraphernalia in plain view and the passenger admitted to the presence of drug paraphernalia. While conducting a search of the vehicle, the trooper located 2,300 fentanyl pills and 11 grams of methamphetamine.

◆ On August 25, 2022, an ISP trooper conducted a traffic stop in Bonneville County on a brown Nissan Sentra for vehicle tint violations. During the stop, the trooper encountered a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. While searching the vehicle, the trooper found \$12,500 in cash, eight ounces of marijuana, and various marijuana edibles.



Cash, paraphernalia, and controlled substances seized from the Impala stop

◆ On August 23, 2022, an ISP trooper conducted a traffic stop in Kootenai County on a black Chevrolet Impala for failure to signal.

During the stop, the trooper detected the odor of marijuana and observed cannabis wax in plain view in the vehicle.

While searching the vehicle, the trooper found 57.3 grams of methamphetamine, 97 fentanyl pills, and \$7,301 in currency.



Marijuana seized from the Kia



Fentanyl and methamphetamine seized from the Toyota Camry



Currency and marijuana seized from the Nissan

LINN COUNTY INTERAGENCY NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT

- ◆ In the 3rd quarter of 2022, LINE focused mainly on marijuana cases and assisting with other teams and initiative's cases. The marijuana trends remain the same in Linn County - Hispanic outdoor grows on leased land and Asian indoor grows in large outbuildings and residences.
- ◆ LINE seized nearly 10,000 marijuana plants, processed marijuana, and over \$73,000 cash during the quarter.
- ◆ Fentanyl continues to be the most purchased street drug, mainly in pill form. LINE is just starting to hear about and see powder fentanyl in Linn County.
- ◆ LINE continues to work with DEA field office Eugene on a large international DTO.
- ◆ LINE is still experiencing staffing shortages; there is currently one open full time investigator spot, two vacant half time investigator spots and one full time investigator on medical leave.
- ◆ On July 21, 2022, the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Oregon announced that a Linn County, Oregon man was sentenced to federal prison after he sold methamphetamine and a firearm to an undercover federal agent while on federal supervised release for a previous conviction. Roger Lee Bishop, 56, a resident of Sweet Home, Oregon, was sentenced to 84 months in federal prison and five years of supervised release.

According to court documents, in August 2019 law enforcement learned that Bishop, a convicted felon, was trafficking methamphetamine in Linn County and had access to firearms. On or about September 12, 2019, an undercover federal agent arranged to meet Mr. Bishop and an accomplice at a hotel in Corvallis, Oregon to purchase methamphetamine. Once Mr. Bishop entered the hotel room, he proceeded to sell approximately four ounces of methamphetamine to the agent. Following the drug sale, Bishop offered and sold a handgun to the agent for \$150. On October 30, 2019, Bishop and his accomplice were arrested following a traffic stop as part of a joint local and federal law enforcement operation.

On October 24, 2019, Bishop was charged by criminal complaint with distributing methamphetamine and illegally possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. Later, on February 18, 2021, a federal grand jury in Eugene indicted Bishop on the same charges. On March 24, 2022, Bishop pleaded guilty to both charges.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) with assistance from the Philomath Police Department, the Linn Interagency Narcotics Enforcement Team (LINE), and the Sweet Home Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney William M. McLaren prosecuted the case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN). PSN is the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's violent crime reduction efforts. PSN is an evidence-based program proven to be effective at reducing violent crime. Through PSN, a broad spectrum of stakeholders work together to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in the community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them. As part of this strategy, PSN focuses enforcement efforts on the most violent offenders and partners with locally based prevention and reentry programs for lasting reductions in crime.

MEDFORD AREA DRUG AND GANG ENFORCEMENT

3rd Quarter Update ~

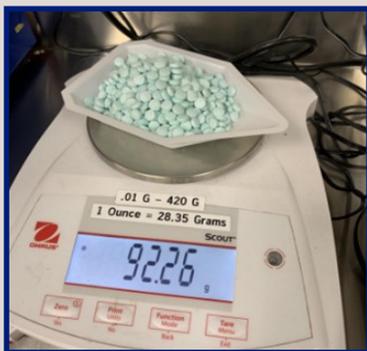
- ◆ The Medford Area Drug and Gang Enforcement's (MADGE) K-9s 'Max' and 'Nacho' are now the first in Oregon, and some of the first in the nation, to be certified by a police K-9 association to detect fentanyl. This process was led by Medford Police Department's K-9 Officer Rob Havice who has dedicated many years to training police dogs.

Officer Havice spent many months researching and studying this process to ensure the safety of the K-9s. This included traveling to Wyoming and meeting with the team that created the training aids used to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the K-9s and their handlers when detecting fentanyl. Officer Havice worked in cooperation with the Wyoming State Highway Patrol and MAKOR K-9 in this process.



Once they returned to Oregon, Officer Havice trained 'Max' and 'Nacho' using the training aids provided by MAKOR K-9. In order to become certified, Officer Havice traveled to Napa, California and partnered with the California Narcotic Canine Association (CNCA). Both K-9s successfully completed their certification to detect fentanyl. Since becoming certified, they have successfully alerted to numerous cases which has allowed us to seize the fentanyl before it reaches our community.

- ◆ MADGE worked a Len Bias case involving an overdose of a fifteen-year-old male. Toxicology reports are pending, but it is a presumptive fentanyl overdose. Work is continuing on this case. To date MADGE has worked four tiers up resulting in a total seizure of 13,297 fentanyl pills.



**Fentanyl seizure from
Len Bias case**

- ◆ Many of the recent fentanyl pill and powder cases that MADGE has been working originate with fentanyl being brought up and down the I-5 corridor as well as from suspects driving to the San Francisco Bay area and purchasing fentanyl to sell in the Rogue Valley. One recent case resulted in the seizure of 1.54 pounds of fentanyl powder being seized from a suspect.

- ◆ MADGE opened an investigation into multiple subjects selling fentanyl in Jackson County. A search warrant was executed at the suspect's home in White City, OR. Three subjects were arrested and charged with possession, manufacturing, and distribution of a Schedule II controlled substance. A total of 1.06 pounds of fentanyl powder, 1.00 pound of psilocybin mushrooms, 45.56 grams of methamphetamine, and \$400 was seized.



1.54 pound fentanyl seizure



**A portion of the fentanyl powder
seized by MADGE**

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MADGE continued

- ◆ After a lengthy investigation into two suspects selling fentanyl in Jackson County, a search warrant was granted for the suspects and their vehicle. A traffic stop was initiated on I-5 as they returned from the San Francisco Bay area. The driver began to pull over but then took off at a high rate of speed. The driver lost control of the vehicle, hit a post that held a large traffic sign, and was taken into custody. The second suspect was transported to a local hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

MADGE seized nearly half a pound of fentanyl powder. The driver was lodged on possession, manufacturing, and distribution of a Schedule II controlled substance.



Fentanyl powder seizure



Pictured above and right: vehicle crash, sign on I-5



Illegal Marijuana Enforcement Team - IMET

- ◆ During the 3rd quarter IMET served a search warrant at an illegal marijuana grow site in Central Point, OR. They were assisted by Homeland Security Investigations, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, as well as their SWAT team. One subject was arrested and charged with possession, manufacturing, and distribution of marijuana.

IMET made contact with twenty-eight workers who were interviewed regarding possible human trafficking before being released. The workers were provided assistance by local advocacy support services.

The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (OSHA) was called out to the illegal grow site due to the hazardous conditions the workers were being subjected to. Jackson County Code Enforcement issued citations to the property owner totaling \$78,000. The citations were for having thirty-four non-permitted greenhouses, as well as electrical, plumbing, solid waste, and illegal camping violations.

The Oregon Water Resources Department also responded to the illegal marijuana grow site. They have opened an investigation into the illegal use of ground water which may result in both civil and criminal penalties.

IMET will be continuing their work into this drug trafficking organization. By the end of the search warrant IMET seized: 6,586 illegal marijuana plants, 9,000 pounds of processed marijuana - packaged and ready for shipment, and 3 firearms, including one ghost gun.



Pictured: Destroying 9,000 pounds of processed marijuana; one of many rows of greenhouses; worker stations where marijuana was being processed at the Central Point illegal grow site

MADGE /IMET continued...

- ◆ After a lengthy investigation into a drug trafficking organization (DTO) operating an illegal marijuana grow site in Jackson County, a search warrant was executed in September 2022. IMET was assisted by Jackson County Sheriff's Office SWAT team, as well as members of their patrol team, criminal investigations division, search and rescue unit, evidence unit, K-9 unit, and their corrections unit.

Other law enforcement assisting IMET included; Homeland Security Investigations, Oregon State Police (OSP) Southwest Region Drug Enforcement Team, Josephine Marijuana Enforcement Team (JMET), Bureau of Land Management Law Enforcement Special Agents, and the U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement and Investigations.

Homeland Security Investigations interviewed the workers on site regarding possible human trafficking before releasing them. All workers were assisted by Homeland Security's Victim Advocacy workers as well as by UNETE Oregon, a farm workers advocacy group.

The primary suspects of this DTO have been identified. Additional work will be done in the coming weeks. During the execution of the search warrant IMET seized: 32,452 illegal marijuana plants; 150,923 pounds of processed marijuana; 6.60 pounds of butane honey oil; 3 firearms; and \$20,400.



Substandard living conditions



Part of the 150,923 pounds of processed marijuana that was destroyed



Preparing marijuana for destruction



Destroying marijuana plants and processed marijuana

MULTNOMAH CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE DANGEROUS DRUG TEAM

3rd Quarter Update ~

- ◆ The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Dangerous Drug Team (MCSO DDT) continues to see commercial quantities of fentanyl coming into the county.

During this quarter MCSO DDT identified an individual trafficking loads of methamphetamine and pills from the Los Angeles, California region. Members of DDT, with help from Clackamas County Sheriff's Office Interagency Task Force (CCITF) did an interdiction stop/search warrant.

Inside the vehicle DDT members located 92,000 fentanyl pills, 3.39 lbs. cocaine and 10.29 lbs. of methamphetamine. The suspect is being prosecuted federally.

- ◆ In July 2022, after a month-long investigation including controlled buys, DDT obtained a search warrant for the Courtesy Inn Motel in NE Portland. The search warrant resulted in 7 guns (2 of which were stolen), 137g meth, 850 fentanyl pills, 7.7g heroin, 101.3g fentanyl powder, ID's and approximately \$5,400 in cash.

The suspect was arrested a second time after his release and was found with more fentanyl and another gun. The suspect is being federally prosecuted.



Fentanyl, cocaine, methamphetamine seizure from CA



- ◆ In August 2022, DDT arrested Warren Goodson who was found to have \$10,904 cash in his pants pockets, and over 4lbs of methamphetamine, 453.6g of heroin, 194g of marijuana, fentanyl pills and 2.5lbs of cocaine in an associate's apartment. We also located and seized computer equipment and drafting equipment used in ID theft. Goodson was recently released from a prison sentence from a prior DDT investigation. He too is facing federal prosecution. Many thanks to the US Marshals for their assistance.



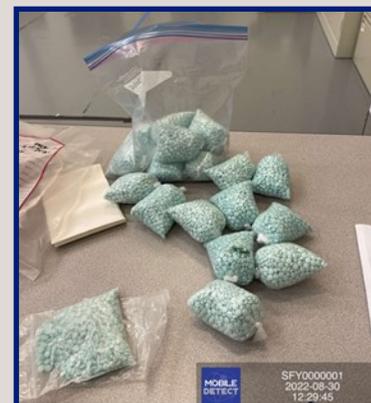
Pictured above and below: drugs, firearms, ID's, and cash seizure



Pictured above and left: drugs and ID theft equipment seized from Goodson

- ◆ In late August 2022, DDT conducted a gun search warrant on a suspect who coincidentally had over 19,000 fentanyl pills, 2.2lbs of heroin, 1/2 lb. methamphetamine, \$2,840 in cash and two guns.

Pictured right: fentanyl and heroin seizure



OREGON STATE POLICE DOMESTIC HIGHWAY ENFORCEMENT

◆ On August 5, 2022, an Oregon State Police (OSP) trooper assigned to the Portland Area Command responded to a driving complaint on Interstate 205 southbound near milepost 6. The reporting party advised the OSP Northern Command Center (NCC) that a black Dodge Charger had stopped in the middle of the roadway for no apparent reason. The caller reported to NCC the vehicle then continued southbound. The caller also reported the driver was unable drive within their lane of travel and was swerving all over the road.

Moments later, the trooper located the vehicle parked on the shoulder of Interstate 205 southbound near milepost 4. When the trooper went to contact the driver, he observed the driver passed out and slumped over the center console. After knocking on the windows of the vehicle, on multiple occasions, the driver finally acknowledged the trooper. Once outside of the vehicle, the driver displayed obvious signs of impairment.

While conducting a DUII investigation with the driver, he attempted to flee from the trooper and return to his vehicle. He also attempted to throw a bag of pills over the guardrail before the trooper deployed his Taser and the driver was taken into custody. The trooper recovered the bag, which was found to contain 32.7g of fake M-30 pills believed to contain fentanyl. During a search incident to arrest of the vehicle, the trooper located a loaded 9mm handgun close to where the driver was seated.

During a post seizure investigation, detectives from the OSP Criminal Investigations Division-Drug Enforcement Section (Domestic Highway Enforcement Initiative) learned the handgun was 1 of 47 firearms reported stolen from a federal firearms licensee in the Portland area. The case information was shared with members of the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF) Portland office.

The driver, who was identified as Donte Lamar Davis (age 37) of Salem, Oregon, was lodged on the following charges:

- Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants
- Unlawful Possession of a Firearm
- Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon
- Interfering with a Police Officer
- Unlawful Possession of Fentanyl – 5g or more
- Reckless Driving
- Tampering with Physical Evidence



Pills and handgun seized from Davis

◆ On August 14, 2022 an OSP Fish and Wildlife trooper assigned to the St. Helen's office overheard a radio broadcast from Columbia County 911 regarding a driving complaint. The caller stated the vehicle was unable to maintain its lane of travel while traveling westbound on Highway 30 entering the city of Rainer. The Fish and Wildlife trooper located the vehicle as it pulled into the Grocery Outlet in Rainer. As the trooper walked up to contact the driver she observed the driver attempting to reach for a cigarette and a snorting straw inside the center console. When the driver became aware of the trooper's presence she dropped both items on her lap. The trooper also noted the driver was visibly intoxicated.

The driver consented to Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, which she failed and was arrested for DUII. During a search incident to arrest, the trooper located and seized the following items from the vehicle:

- \$5,334 in U.S. Currency
- 2.8 grams of methamphetamine
- 439 dosage units of fentanyl

The trooper learned through her investigation, the driver was traveling to pick up her two young children from a friend. The trooper later interviewed the friend and discovered the driver had an ongoing substance abuse problem, which the children were continually being exposed to. The trooper contacted the Child Welfare Reporting Hotline and the information was shared with a case worker for follow-up.

OSP continued...

Later, the trooper and a HIDTA Interdiction Team detective, who is assigned to the Domestic Highway Enforcement Initiative (DHE), conducted a consent search of the suspect's mobile device. While reviewing the data they noted numerous communications referencing the purchase and sale of narcotics. The information obtained was shared with members of the Westside Interagency Narcotics team (WIN).

The driver was lodged in the Columbia County Jail on charges of DUII/Controlled Substances, Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine and Unlawful Possession of Fentanyl. The passenger was lodged on charges of Unlawful Possession of Fentanyl-Commercial Offense, Attempted Delivery of a Schedule II Controlled Substance and Parole Violation. OSP troopers were assisted during the investigation by members of the OSP-Criminal Investigations Division-Drug Enforcement Section (Domestic Highway Enforcement Initiative).

- ◆ On August 23, 2022, an OSP Sergeant assigned to the Central Point Area Command had a mere encounter with the driver of a white 2019 GMC 2500 pickup truck pulling a white enclosed trailer near the Exit 33 Interchange in Central Point.

During the stop, the OSP Sergeant noted the overwhelming odor of marijuana coming from the enclosed trailer. Consent to search was requested from the driver, but was denied. The OSP Sergeant then obtained a telephonic search warrant to search the trailer. While serving the search warrant, troopers located several cardboard boxes inside the trailer containing 880 pounds of bulk marijuana. The driver, who was identified as Marcos Ramos-Lopez (age 30), from Santa Rosa, California was lodged in the Jackson County Jail on marijuana related charges.



880 pound marijuana seizure

- ◆ On September 2, 2022, an OSP trooper assigned to the Portland Area Command stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in Clackamas County. During the traffic stop, the driver displayed signs of impairment and after a subsequent investigation was taken into custody for DUII. The driver was identified as Thomas James Freeman (age 37) of Portland.

During a search of the vehicle, the trooper noted several signs of recent drug activity and also located a loaded pistol. The vehicle and several lock boxes seized from inside the vehicle were taken as evidence, pending a search warrant application.

On September 14, 2022 the search warrants were served and the following items were seized:

- 3946.25g of methamphetamine
- 42.9g of psilocybin
- \$14,131 U.S. Currency
- 10 guns
- 6 unknown type of pills

OSP troopers were assisted during the investigation by detectives from the OSP-Criminal Investigations Division-Drug Enforcement Section (Domestic Highway Enforcement Initiative) and the Major Crimes Section.



Drugs, cash and guns seized from Freeman

OSP continued...

- On September 28, 2022, an OSP trooper assigned to the Drug Detection K9 team stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in Madras, OR. During the course of the stop, reasonable suspicion of drug trafficking was developed. OSP Drug Detection K9 'Marley' was deployed to the exterior of the vehicle and alerted to the presence of narcotics. A search of the vehicle revealed six (6) bundles concealed within the vehicle, with a gross weight of approximately 14.48 pounds. A preliminary test of the narcotics showed it was fentanyl powder.

The driver Jesus Villalpando Rubio (31) from Phoenix, Arizona, and the passenger Oscar Urias Haro (31) from Tucson, Arizona, were lodged in the Jefferson County Jail for various drug crimes.

OSP troopers were assisted during the investigation by detectives from the OSP-Criminal Investigations Division-Drug Enforcement Section (Domestic Highway Enforcement Initiative) and the Drug Enforcement Administration.



K9 "Marley" fentanyl seizure



The Oregon State Police-Domestic Highway Enforcement Initiative is supported by the Oregon-Idaho High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA).

The Oregon-Idaho HIDTA program is an Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) sponsored counterdrug grant program that coordinates with and provides funding resources to multi-agency drug enforcement initiatives, including the OSP-DHE Initiative.

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ROGUE AREA DRUG ENFORCEMENT

3rd Quarter Update ~

- Rogue Area Drug Enforcement (RADE) members assisted on 19 marijuana search warrants during the 3rd quarter, seizing over 100,000 plants and 10,000 lbs. of dried/processed marijuana.
- RADE seized over a half pound of powdered fentanyl.
- RADE worked with postal inspectors to interdict more than 10 lbs. of marijuana and 1 lb. of psilocybin mushrooms.
- RADE is actively investigating 4 potential Len Bias fentanyl overdose cases from this quarter.
- RADE, working with the Josephine County Jail deputies, seized over a ½ ounce of methamphetamine, ¼ oz of suboxone and 5.5 grams of fentanyl from inmates smuggling the narcotics inside via legal mail. There is currently 4 subjects under indictment for supplying contraband.

U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE FUGITIVE TASK FORCE

- ◆ On July 20, 2022, Major Case Fugitive John Tufton Blauvelt was taken into custody in Medford, Oregon, by the U.S. Marshals Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force following a lead provided by a dedicated cold case team of investigators at the agency's headquarters. Blauvelt is wanted for the killing of his estranged wife, Catherine "Cati" Blauvelt, who was found stabbed to death in an abandoned home in Simpsonville, South Carolina on Oct. 24, 2016.

On Nov. 18, 2016, Simpsonville Police obtained warrants for Blauvelt's arrest for murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime. Blauvelt, who worked as a U.S. Army recruiter in Greenville County at the time of the murder but was classified by the Army as a deserter shortly thereafter, fled the area just after the murder with his 17-year-old girlfriend. After the U.S. Marshals joined the search to find Blauvelt, they learned he had traveled through Alabama, Texas, California, and Oregon.

In early 2022, a U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) dedicated cold and complex case investigative team, composed of various USMS components, joined the investigation for Blauvelt. Working closely with investigators from the District of South Carolina, the Carolinas Regional Fugitive Task Force, as well as Simpsonville detectives and the South Carolina Highway Patrol, the team was able to put Blauvelt in Medford, Oregon, and sent a collateral lead to the District of Oregon. The U.S. Marshals Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force in Oregon committed numerous personnel and hours to the investigation.

Ultimately, investigators there, working with the Medford police Department and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, located Blauvelt, who had assumed the alias "Ben Klein," and took him into custody without incident.



Blauvelt

- ◆ On August 8, 2022, a federal supervised release violation warrant was issued for Jorge Gandarilla. Gandarilla violated his supervised release by failing to report a change of address to his probation officer. Gandarilla had been residing in a sober living house and during that time he had a sexual relationship with a minor female. After occupants of the sober living house found out about the relationship, Gandarilla fled. The Portland Police Bureau developed probable cause to charge Gandarilla with sex abuse of a minor. Gandarilla also had an active parole warrant for Assault from the Oregon Department of Corrections.

On September 27, 2022, U.S. Marshals Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force (PNVOTF) members arrested Gandarilla without incident in Southeast Portland.



Gandarilla

If your HIDTA Task Force Initiative needs assistance with apprehending a particular fugitive, please contact the U.S. Marshals Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force.

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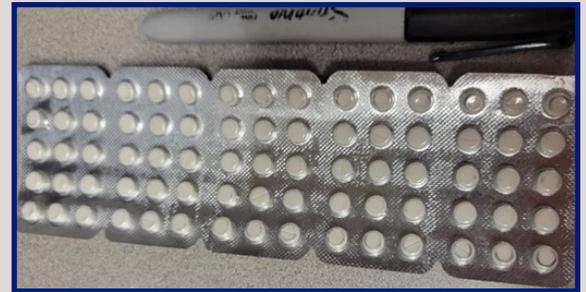
WESTSIDE INTERAGENCY NARCOTICS

- On August 23, 2022, the Westside Interagency Narcotics team (WIN) investigated an overdose death where foreign prescription pills were found at the scene. The blister packed pills appeared to be alprazolam manufactured in India. WIN investigators identified level 1 and level 2 of the supply chain.

WIN served a search warrant on level 3 and discovered an elaborate, internet based drug trafficking organization. Customers would order prescription benzodiazepines from a subject named “John” in India, via the dark net.

In Oregon, level 3 was being paid in crypto-currency by “John” to receive drugs from India, parcel them into packages and mail them to customers in the United States. Thousands of pills were seized.

Pictured below and right: packaged pills from India



- On September 8, 2022, a WIN investigation identified a phone number out of Mexico. WIN partnered with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) to “cold call” the phone number. A male voice answered.

The narcotics team made arrangements with an unknown male to purchase a large amount of fentanyl pills. A male arrived in Beaverton, OR the following day, with 40,000 fentanyl pills (blue M-30). The male was arrested and pills seized. The pills were stored in tied off plastic bags of 1000. The bags were marked with “RINO” or “FA” in permanent pen.



40,000 fentanyl pill seizure out of Mexico

OREGON-IDAHO HIDTA TRAINING INITIATIVE

2022 3rd Quarter Training Update -

The Oregon-Idaho Training Initiative's goal is to host at least one training per quarter in our region for HIDTA members in addition to providing funding assistance to attend additional narcotic related trainings.

The Training Initiative is in the process of planning trainings for 2023 based on responses to the Training Needs Assessment. The top choices were, in no particular order: Cell Phone Data Analysis; Financial and Crypto Currency Investigations; Regional & National Trends; Tactical Operations Planning; Leadership and Ethics; Basic Narcotics Investigations; DTO Investigations; Technology and Emerging Trends; Cartel Activity; and Case Law updates.

During the 3rd quarter of 2022, the Training Initiative provided funding for the following trainings:

- *Oregon Narcotics Enforcement Association (ONEA) Annual Training Institute, Redmond, OR ~ July 12-14*
- *Initiative Commander Orientation Video Training - July 30*
- *Real Time Cell Phone Investigations, Salem, OR ~ August 1-2*
- *Microsoft Tools in Narcotics Investigations Webinar ~ August 15*
- *Performance Management Process (PMP) Refresher Training and Updates, Pendleton, OR ~ August 24*
- *Critical Thinking for Law Enforcement, Salem, OR ~ September 13-14*
- *Mobile Vehicle and Foot Surveillance Training, Salem, OR ~ September 26-28*

Upcoming Oregon-Idaho HIDTA sponsored trainings include:

- *Snapchat Investigations, Salem, OR ~ October 5, 2022*
- *Harm Reduction MythBusters: What can law enforcement learn from working with harm reduction? Salem, OR ~ October 25, 2022*
- *Fentanyl and other Opiates Safety and Awareness, Meridian, ID ~ November 29, 2022*
- *Fentanyl and other Opiates Safety and Awareness, Baker City & Malheur County, OR ~ TBD January 2023*
- *Excel for Public Safety, Portland, OR ~ TBD January 2023*
- *Mission Planning for Law Enforcement, Salem, OR ~ February 15-16, 2023*

Details and registration information for future training events can be found on the Oregon-Idaho HIDTA website: <http://oridhidta.org/training-events>

For out of town/state training, for multiple people, or any training where you are asking HIDTA for reimbursement, please use the "**Multiple Attendee** or **Out of State**" request form.

Please contact Oregon-Idaho HIDTA Program Coordinator Ned Walls with any questions or suggestions.

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OREGON-IDAHO HIDTA LAW ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE ACTIVITY

(YTD = End of 3rd Quarter)

	2021	Qtr	2022 YTD
DTO-MLOs Dismantled/Disrupted <i>(Projected - 73)</i>	83	22	36
Cases Opened <i>(Average - 3,175)</i>	3,189	833	2,570
Cases Designated RPOT/CPOT	0	0	0
Cases Qualified as OCDETF	4	0	6
Cases Designated PTO	5	0	3
Arrests	2,307	646	1,977
Kg of Drugs Seized			
Cocaine	130.05	13.1	34.0
Fentanyl	5.02	4.12	39.0
Heroin	181	10.8	48.0
Marijuana	751,733	232,419.6	266,126.0
Methamphetamine/Ice	1,063	216.0	664.0
DU of Drugs Seized			
Fentanyl	1,518,204	575,182	1,932,909
Other Illicit Drugs	237,973	258,954	279,036
Assets Seized - Cash	\$14,831,000	\$2,449,000	\$8,032,000
Value of Non-Cash Assets Seized	\$2,662,000	\$2,074,000	\$17,685,000
Firearms Seized	1,331	222	759
Wire Taps	62	5	37
Vaping Cartridges Seized	70,094	81	13,105

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