



Oregon-Idaho
HIDTA
Website

In this Issue...

Click on initiative
name for direct
link to page



Blue Mountain
Narcotics
Enforcement

Clackamas
County
Interagency
Task Force

Central Oregon
Drug
Enforcement

Douglas
Interagency
Narcotics Team

HIDTA
Interdiction
Taskforce

Idaho State Police
DHE

Linn Interagency
Narcotics
Enforcement

Medford Area
Drug and Gang
Enforcement

North Idaho
Narcotics
Enforcement

Multnomah
County DDT

Oregon State
Police DHE

Overdose
Response
Strategy

Rogue Area
Drug Enforcement

U.S. Marshals
Fugitive
Task Force

Westside
Interagency
Narcotics Team

Training Initiative/
Analytical Support

Initiative Activity



Director's Message

2022 Performance

HIDTA staff members are hard at work pouring through the HIDTA Performance Management Process (PMP) database to reconcile performance numbers that quantify the outcomes of the hard work put in by Oregon-Idaho HIDTA initiatives. During 2022, Oregon-Idaho HIDTA initiatives:

- Disrupted or dismantled a total of **79** international, multi-state and local drug trafficking (DTO) and money laundering organizations (MLO),
- Seized from drug traffickers over **1,726** pounds of methamphetamine, **147** pounds of heroin, **357** pounds of cocaine, **130** pounds plus **3,020,802** dosage units – in the form of counterfeit prescription pills - of fentanyl, **265,618** dosage units of narcotic pills - many of which are pending lab analysis and that are likely to be counterfeit and containing fentanyl - and **769** tons of unlawfully possessed or produced marijuana with a total wholesale value of over **\$2.16 Billion** plus over **\$29 Million** in assets,
- Arrested 2,322 drug traffickers and apprehended 636 fugitives; 138 of which faced drug related charges,
- Seized 744 unlawfully possessed weapons
- Provided **12,213** hours of training to **932** criminal justice professionals.
- Provided analytical support to **783** cases, and
- Deconflicted over **1,800** law enforcement events through the Regional Information System's RISSafe database.

2023 HIDTA Budget News

ONDCP will be releasing 2023 HIDTA funding through award letters to state/local agency grantees and memorandums of understanding to Federal agency recipients during the first week of March. This paves the way for Oregon-Idaho HIDTA initiatives to seek reimbursement against 2023 initiative awards. Additionally, ONDCP has announced the availability of over **\$18.9 Million** in discretionary funds which will be granted through a competitive application process. The internal deadline for proposals is **April 17, 2023**. Please contact me for application instructions.

chris.gibson@dpsst.oregon.gov

Oregon-Idaho HIDTA Personnel Additions

I am very pleased to announce that soon to be retired Oregon State Police (OSP) Acting Lieutenant Joe DeIGreco will be joining the Oregon-Idaho HIDTA team as the Oregon Drug Intelligence Officer under the umbrella of the Oregon-Idaho HIDTA Overdose Response Strategy. Joe comes to us with 34 years of military and law enforcement experience. Over the past 12 years, he has worked in the OSP Drug Enforcement Section. He has served assignments as a narcotics detective, DEA Taskforce Officer, HSI Taskforce Officer, Sergeant of the OSP HIDTA Interdiction Team-Domestic Highway Enforcement Initiative and Acting Lieutenant of the OSP Drug Enforcement Section in Salem

Joe has an extremely strong commitment to customer service and looks forward to working with all of our Law Enforcement and Public Health partners. His first day will be March 6th.

Move

Finally, the Oregon-Idaho HIDTA administrative office will be moving to a new location in Salem. Our anticipated move date is mid-April. More to come on that soon!

Chris Gibson, Director
Oregon-Idaho HIDTA Program

BLUE MOUNTAIN ENFORCEMENT NARCOTICS TEAM

◆ On October 12, 2022, the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team (BENT) conducted a controlled purchase of rainbow colored fentanyl-laced pills. This was the first time the team had purchased the rainbow colored pills. Further investigation revealed this was the first time they had been distributed in the Southeastern Washington and Eastern Oregon areas.

◆ On October 18, 2022, BENT, in collaboration with Baker City PD conducted a planned arrest stemming from a traffic stop. The suspect, Daniel Savage was found to be in possession 1,252.78 grams of methamphetamine and 317.5 grams of fentanyl-laced pills.

In collaboration with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Dangerous Drug Team (DDT), BENT seized an additional 7,807.3 grams of methamphetamine, and 602.4 grams of fentanyl-laced pills from the suspect's residence.

The suspect was arrested and is awaiting trial.



Rainbow fentanyl laced pills seizure



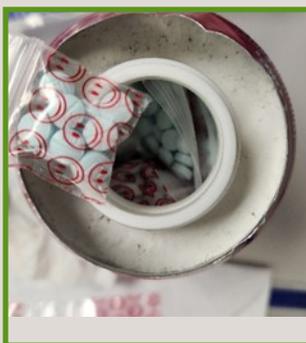
Methamphetamine and fentanyl-laced pills seized from Savage

◆ On November 2, 2022, BENT, with the assistance of FBI Safe Streets, Tri-Cities Metro Team, Walla Walla PD, Hermiston PD, and the Oregon State Police, concluded a two year long investigation with the arrest of the leader of a Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) operating in Eastern Oregon and Southeast Washington.

BENT executed 11 search warrants and seized in total 25.7 grams of methamphetamine, .5 grams of cocaine, 21,678 dosage units of fentanyl-laced pills, one handgun, and \$407,466 bulk U.S. currency.

The DTO leader was arrested and is in custody awaiting trial. Aspects of this case are being prosecuted in the Eastern District of Washington U.S. Attorney's Office and District of Oregon (Portland Office) U.S. Attorney's Office.

Pictured below: Drugs, and cash seized from DTO



Pictured right: 6,293.6 grams methamphetamine seizure



◆ On December 12, 2022, BENT, in collaboration with Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Tacoma, concluded a long term investigation subsequently seizing a total of 6,293.6 grams of methamphetamine.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE

- ◆ In early October 2022, members of Clackamas County Interagency Task Force (CCITF) were called out to a death investigation for a suspected overdose. Through interviews with witnesses, it was determined the decedent had smoked and injected methamphetamine prior to overdosing. With information obtained through witness interviews and review of the decedent's phone, investigators were able to quickly identify the decedent's source of supply, (Level #1) in the Len Bias Investigation (Len Bias law is a regulation that mandates a 20-year to life prison sentence for anyone convicted in the chain of drug distribution that has led to a death or serious physical injury). Upon contacting Level #1, the individual, turned Cooperating Defendant #1 (CD1), assisted investigators in setting up a buy with their source of supply (Level #2). Within the span of 48 hours, investigators contacted Level #2, turned Cooperating Defendant #2 (CD2), who identified an individual known to law enforcement and family member of prior CCITF investigations as their source of supply (Level #3). CD2 set up several buys with investigators monitoring closely and establishing patterns of life for Level #3. During the third buy attempt with CD2, it was determined Level #3 had been alerted to the investigation and had abandoned their phone entirely. Investigators then followed Level #3 to a suspected drug house in Portland, Oregon where Level #3 was observed leaving with a football sized package. After a brief follow, investigators conducted a traffic stop before Level #3 returned to their residence. It was determined Level #3 was picking up monies owed for fronting methamphetamine to the Portland residents, which was subsequently seized through civil forfeiture.

Level #3 became Cooperating Defendant #3 (CD3) and identified their source of supply as a dealer who sold multiple pounds of methamphetamine at a time, Level #4 for the Len Bias investigation. Further investigation revealed that CCITF's Level #4 was a primary target of an ongoing investigation by Multnomah County's Special Investigations Unit (SIU). The primary case agents were able to discuss both investigations and CCITF assisted SIU in a search warrant at Level #4's residence and storage unit in early December 2022 where an impressive amount of drugs were seized; including 39.7 pounds of methamphetamine, 949.8 grams of cocaine, 4.375 kilograms of heroin, 844.9 grams fentanyl powder, and 1,700 fentanyl pills, as well as psilocybin mushrooms, cash, and multiple firearms.



Len Bias investigation seizure

- ◆ On October 12, 2022, James Dunn, Jr., 61, of Milwaukie, Oregon and Joshua Clay Wilfong, 50, of Vancouver, Washington were arrested while they were negotiating the sale of more than 300,000 fentanyl pills.

In May 2021, law enforcements officials from Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), FBI, CCITF, and the Clark County Sheriff's Office began investigating a drug trafficking organization allegedly run by Dunn and Wilfong that was responsible for manufacturing and distributing hundreds of thousands of counterfeit Oxycodone pills containing fentanyl in the greater Portland Metropolitan Area.

The investigation revealed that Dunn purchased fentanyl in Mexico and smuggled it into the U.S. for use as an active ingredient in counterfeit prescription pills. Dunn would give the fentanyl to Wilfong who would produce the pills in a makeshift laboratory he maintained inside a storage unit in Vancouver, WA. Investigators executed a search warrant on

Wilfong's storage unit and found a pill press and laboratory equipment covered in suspected fentanyl powder. Investigators later learned Wilfong and Dunn routinely sold hundreds of thousands of fentanyl pills in single transactions and sold an average of 10,000 pills a week.

This case is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) investigation.

Scott Kerin, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon, is prosecuting the case.

Pictured right: seized fentanyl pills and lab



CENTRAL OREGON DRUG ENFORCEMENT

- ◆ On December 28, 2022, the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement Team (CODE) concluded an investigation with the arrest of Paul Weston, age 46, of Sisters, Oregon.

After receiving several community tips and a report from a Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Deputy, CODE detectives identified Mr. Weston as a suspect in a series of construction and heavy equipment thefts around the Portland, OR, and Vancouver, WA areas. Mr. Weston was previously arrested for trafficking methamphetamine and fentanyl in November 2022.

After a multi-day surveillance operation, CODE detectives applied for, obtained, and executed a search warrant for Mr. Weston's home on the 16700 block of Peterson Ridge Rd. At approximately 5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, Mr. Weston was contacted during a traffic stop on Highway 20 west, near Dayton Rd. in Bend, OR.

The initial investigation alleges Mr. Weston stole dump trailers, a car trailer, side-by-side ATVs, a skid steer loader, a bucket loader, and a tractor from various locations around the Portland and Vancouver area over a 2-month period. Weston then brought the stolen property to his home on Peterson Ridge Road, where he obliterated serial numbers and painted the equipment to disguise them. It appears that he was later selling or renting the equipment for profit.

Detectives, with the assistance of the construction equipment manufacturers, were able to locate secondary identifying information and match the equipment with the victims of the thefts. Detectives are still not able to match three of the dump trailers and a skid steer loader to the victims. Detectives believe these unclaimed items were stolen in the Portland metro area within the last 2 months. The estimated value of the recovered equipment is \$225,000.

At the time of Weston's arrest, CODE detectives and DCSO deputies gathered and seized a commercial quantity of fake pharmaceutical tablets made of fentanyl. A "commercial quantity" is defined by statute as five grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl or any substituted derivative of fentanyl as defined by the rules of the Oregon Board of Pharmacy. This is not a separate criminal charge but rather an increase in the sentencing guidelines.

Mr. Weston was lodged in the Deschutes County Sheriff's Jail with the following criminal charges:

Aggravated Theft I; Possession of Stolen Vehicle X4; Trafficking in Vehicles with Destroyed or Altered Identification Numbers x7; Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle x4; Unlawful Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance (Fentanyl).



Pictured above and left: stolen equipment recovered from Weston

DOUGLAS INTERAGENCY NARCOTICS TEAM

◆ On October 10, 2022, detectives with the Douglas Interagency Narcotics Team (DINT) arrested 24 year old Cory Strait of Corvallis, Oregon. Over the course of an ongoing investigation, detectives generated reason to believe Strait would be in the Roseburg area and in possession of a large amount of cocaine for sale. Detectives located Strait and 2 others in a vehicle pulling into a gas station at Kelly's Corner, in the 5100 block of Hwy 99S in the Green District, just before midnight. A search of the vehicle revealed approximately 6 ounces of suspected cocaine.

Strait was arrested and lodged at the Douglas County Jail on suspicion of Possession, Manufacture, and Delivery of Cocaine. He was also found to have cite & release warrants out for his arrest from Linn County for Probation Violation; and Benton County for Failure to Appear.

◆ DINT detectives made another drug arrest on October 26, 2022. Detectives had interest in 39 year old Sutherlin, Oregon resident Caleb Plueard, due to his alleged involvement in illegal drug activity, including his alleged involvement in recent fentanyl overdoses.

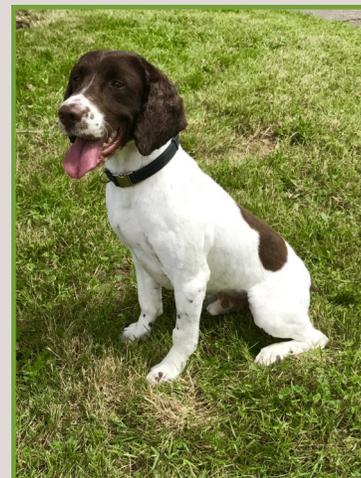
Plueard was seen leaving a residence in the 1300 block of Airway Avenue in Sutherlin. A traffic stop was initiated by a Douglas County Sheriff's deputy, at which time Plueard was contacted by DINT detectives. Drug detection K-9 "Trapper" was applied to Plueard's vehicle and he alerted, giving his handler the signal that he detected the odor of narcotics coming from inside the vehicle.

A search of Plueard's vehicle revealed a plethora of controlled substances to include the following:

- 421 grams of suspected methamphetamine (almost 1 pound)
- 2.4 grams of suspected cocaine
- 6.6 grams of suspected heroin
- 5.3 grams of fentanyl powder
- 13 suspected counterfeit oxycodone pills containing fentanyl
- Several other dosage units of various pharmaceutical drugs without prescriptions

Plueard was lodged at the Douglas County Jail on the following charges:

- Unlawful Possession of Heroin
- Unlawful Delivery of Heroin
- Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine
- Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine
- Unlawful Possession of Sch. II Controlled Substance
- Unlawful Delivery of Sch. II Controlled Substance



K-9 "Trapper"

◆ On October 29, 2022, DINT detectives arrested two California men for trafficking large amounts of narcotics into Douglas County.

As part of an ongoing investigation, DINT detectives contacted 53 year old Roberto Silva Diaz of Red Bluff, California, and 60 year old Feliciano Bobadilla, of Corning, California, in the parking lot of a business in the 3000 block of Aviation Drive in Roseburg, Oregon. Detectives had information indicating the two were trafficking large amounts of methamphetamine and counterfeit oxycodone pills containing fentanyl.

Roseburg Police K-9 "Trapper" searched the exterior of the suspects' vehicle and gave an alert indicating he could smell the odor of narcotics coming from inside.

A search of the vehicle revealed approximately 13.9 grams of suspected heroin, 300 counterfeit oxycodone pills containing suspected fentanyl, and 3 pounds of suspected methamphetamine.

Both suspects were lodged at the Douglas County Jail on charges of Possession and Delivery of Heroin, Possession and Delivery of Methamphetamine, Possession and Delivery of Schedule II Controlled Substance, and Conspiracy.

HIDTA INTERDICTION TASKFORCE

- ◆ During the 4th quarter of 2022 members of the HIDTA Interdiction Taskforce (HIT) investigators initiated a case on the “Shroom House” which was selling psilocybin mushrooms in downtown Portland. The Shroom House received a lot of media attention locally and nationally because they were openly advertising their sale of psilocybin mushrooms. HIT executed a search warrant on the business and arrested the owner as well as three employees. In total, \$13,731 in cash, 11,824.2 grams of psilocybin mushrooms and 33,519 grams of psilocybin edibles were seized.



Psilocybin mushrooms and edibles seizure

- ◆ On December 3rd, 2022, members of the HIDTA Interdiction Taskforce (HIT) worked bus interdiction in the Portland Metropolitan Area. HIT contacted and gained consent to search the luggage of three separate subjects traveling northbound from California.

PPB K9 “Chase” alerted to the first subjects bag where 2,268 grams of cocaine was found. PPB K9 “Chase” alerted to the second subjects bag where 967 grams of methamphetamine was found. A search of the third subjects bag found approximately 80,000 blue m/30 counterfeit pills.



K9 “Chase” with cocaine, methamphetamine, and pill seizure

IDAHO STATE POLICE - DOMESTIC HIGHWAY ENFORCEMENT

- On December 5-6, 2022 the Idaho State Police (ISP) DHE team, in conjunction with Ada County Sheriff's Office, and Probation and Parole conducted a HIDTA operation focused on Interstate 84 in Ada, and Canyon counties. The operation resulted in a total of 29 contacts, 7 misdemeanor drug charges, 1 felony drug charge, 6 K9 deployments, and 1 felon in possession of a firearm. Two individuals were arrested for trafficking in marijuana more than 70 lbs., as well as injury to child.

The total amount of drugs seized were 75.1 pounds of marijuana, 62 dose units of amphetamine, 22 dose units of marijuana edibles, 3 marijuana vape capsules, and 1 hashish capsule.

- On October 29, 2022, an ISP trooper assisted with a single vehicle crash that occurred on the interstate in Ada County. The vehicle involved was a Chevrolet Silverado towing a fifth wheel camp trailer. During the investigation, it was discovered the vehicle was stolen out of Missouri. A passenger in the vehicle relayed to officers that there was marijuana located inside the camper.

While conducting a search of the camper, the trooper located 10.96 pounds of marijuana inside of a cooler.

- On November 3, 2022, an ISP trooper conducted a traffic stop in Kootenai County on a white Chevrolet Monte Carlo with Washington plates for failing to maintain lane and suspicion of DUI.

During the stop, the trooper observed signs of recent drug use along with the driver admitting to having marijuana in the vehicle. While conducting a search of the vehicle, the trooper located a large bag of marijuana (15 pounds) and 5.5 grams of methamphetamine.



Marijuana seized from Monte Carlo

- On November 16, 2022, an ISP trooper conducted a traffic stop in Bonneville County on a silver BMW 325 with Idaho plates for suspended registration.

During the stop, it was discovered the driver of the vehicle had a felony warrant for arrest.

At that time the driver admitted to marijuana and methamphetamine being inside of the vehicle. While conducting a search of the vehicle, the trooper located 2.2 pounds of methamphetamine and 2 grams of marijuana. The driver admitted to just being a driver and was transporting the methamphetamine for another individual.



Marijuana seized from camper

- On December 5, 2022, an ISP trooper conducted a traffic stop in Canyon County on a gray Chrysler Pacifica rental car with Kentucky plates for failure to maintain lane and turn signal violation. This stop was referenced during the synopsis of operation in Ada County.

During the stop, the trooper smelled marijuana along with the driver admitting to having marijuana in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle resulted in multiple



2.2 pound methamphetamine seizure

packages of marijuana located in bags in the back of the van. A 4 month old child inside of the vehicle was safely removed and placed in the custody of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. It was determined that the two suspects were not the parents. The infant was later determined to have been traded to the suspects as drug payment.

While conducting a search of the vehicle, the trooper located 74.9 pounds of marijuana and 62 dose units of amphetamine.



Pictured left: 74.9 lbs. marijuana

LINN COUNTY INTERAGENCY NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT

- ◆ During the 4th quarter of 2022, Linn County Interagency Narcotics Enforcement (LINE) remained focused on a co-effort with the Eugene DEA field office investigating an international Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO). Several smaller/associated DTO's are located within Linn County.
- ◆ During quarter 4, LINE has seen a dramatic shift in the number of guns being seized as well as the resurgence of heroin and methamphetamine on the streets. Fentanyl pills are still readily available; however, powder is also more present and available.
- ◆ Chinese marijuana grows continue to be an issue in Linn County.

MULTNOMAH CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE DANGEROUS DRUG TEAM

- ◆ In November 2022, a Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Dangerous Drug Team (MCSO DDT) investigator and his K9 partner, "Blaze" did a cold interdiction stop at the airport and seized over \$200,000 related to commercial exporting of marijuana.
- ◆ In December 2022, MCSO DDT identified an individual trafficking loads of methamphetamine and pills from the Los Angeles, California region. DDT conducted a series of controlled buys.

Clackamas County Interagency Task Force (CCITF) became involved because the suspect was related to an overdose they were investigating. The investigation resulted in the seizure of guns, heroin, fentanyl, and methamphetamine. (see CCITF write up for more details). The suspect was immediately released from custody which started phase two of the investigation; resulting in additional drugs and over \$60,000 bulk cash seized.



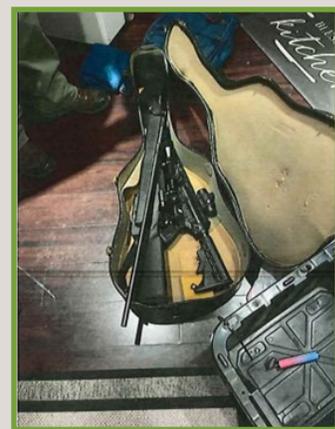
***Pictured left and above:
airport interdiction cash seizure***



Over \$60,000 cash seizure

- ◆ Another notable case in December 2022 came from the Probation Officer assigned to DDT. He identified a suspect with warrants and his current whereabouts. The suspect was also presumed to be dealing fentanyl.

DDT investigators located the man and arrested him as he ran from a stolen Audi. The suspect's missing juvenile son was taken into custody and DDT recovered 6 guns (3 of which were stolen), miscellaneous drugs, and body armor.



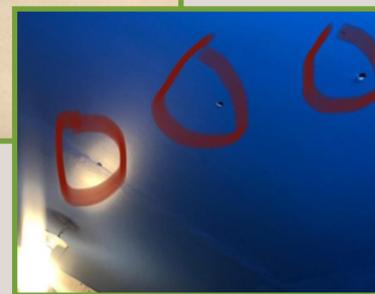
Gun seizure

- ◆ DDT assisted the US Marshals in the apprehension of a suspect wanted on multiple warrants and PC for felony domestic violence assaults. The suspect was located and as an arrest team approached, the suspect fired rounds in hopes of diverting the arrest team. The East Metro SWAT team responded to the armed barricaded suspect and he was taken into custody without incident.

DDT wrote a search warrant for the residence and found bullet holes in the ceiling, a stolen AR10 rifle, and a 9mm handgun.



***Gun seizure and bullet
holes in ceiling***



MEDFORD AREA DRUG AND GANG ENFORCEMENT

4th Quarter Update ~

- ◆ During the 4th quarter Medford Area Drug and Gang Enforcement (MADGE) continued their investigation into two subjects who were bringing large quantities of fentanyl into Jackson County from the San Francisco, CA Bay Area.

MADGE arrested both subjects during the 3rd quarter for possession, manufacturing, and distribution of a Schedule II Controlled Substance. Both subjects were released from jail and MADGE continued their investigation.

In October 2022, MADGE executed another search warrant and seized 1.15 pounds of fentanyl and \$1,813. The fentanyl was individually packaged for sales. MADGE also located digital scales and empty packaging materials in their vehicle. One of the subjects admitted to having just returned from the California Bay Area and purchasing the fentanyl.

Both subjects were lodged on possession, manufacturing, and distribution of a Schedule II Controlled Substance – Fentanyl. One subject pled guilty under an amended plea and is currently serving a sentence of 39 months in prison. The other subject's case is pending.

- ◆ During November 2022, MADGE made contact with a suspect they had been investigating for a period of time. The suspect admitted to having recently returned from the San Francisco Bay Area where he purchased fentanyl powder with the intent to sell the fentanyl powder in the Medford area. He admitted to having sold fentanyl powder in the past.

The suspect gave MADGE detectives permission to search his vehicle and residence. This resulted in the seizure of 14.29 grams of methamphetamine and more than a quarter pound of fentanyl powder. The detectives also seized unused packaging materials and a digital scale.



Fentanyl powder/methamphetamine seizure

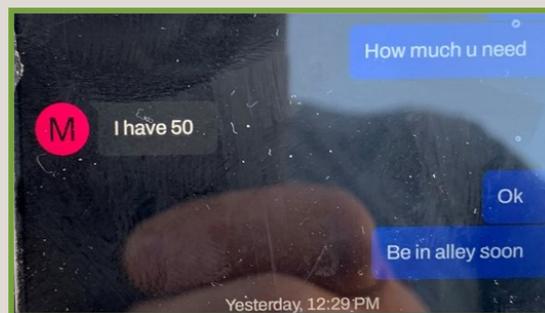
- ◆ MADGE executed a search warrant in Medford which resulted in the arrest of two suspects for Schedule II Controlled Substance – Fentanyl. By the end of the search warrant MADGE seized 1.23 pounds of fentanyl powder, 64 fentanyl pills, 15.85 grams of methamphetamine, and one gram of heroin.



Fentanyl powder, pills, methamphetamine, heroin seizure from Medford search warrant



They also seized unused packaging materials, a digital scale, and handwritten records indicating recent drug transactions.



Text message evidence

MADGE / IMET continued

Illegal Marijuana Enforcement Team - IMET

- ◆ During the 4th quarter IMET served a search warrant at two properties owned by a subject who lives in California. The owner of the property also has marijuana grow sites in California. Neither of the properties in Jackson County had any licensing to legally grow marijuana. IMET seized 1,410 illegal marijuana plants and 4,180 pounds of processed marijuana.

IMET is in the process of securing an arrest warrant for the property owner.

*Pictured below:
Evidence from illegal marijuana grow sites*



- ◆ Also during the 4th quarter, IMET executed a search warrant at three separate properties in one day. Due to the vast property involved they were assisted by Jackson County Sheriff's Office patrol unit, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Oregon State Police (OSP) Southwest Region Drug Enforcement Section Team.

The three properties are owned by separate individuals. One of the three individuals, was fined last year for being out of compliance with Jackson County Sheriff's Office Code Enforcement for having unpermitted greenhouses, unpermitted electrical systems, and failure to secure the proper licensing. Not only did the property owner fail to correct those violations, he continued to operate. That owner is now facing \$548,000 in fines; the other two owners were issued citations by Jackson County Sheriff's Office Code Enforcement.

Between all three properties IMET seized 8,675 illegal marijuana plants from 113 unpermitted greenhouses, 7,155 pounds of processed marijuana, and \$45,800.

IMET requested the services of UNETE (Center for Farm Worker Advocacy) to assist the seventeen workers who they believed were victims of human trafficking. Additionally, Homeland Security Investigation's Victim Advocate Specialists were on hand to assist the workers. The owners of all three properties have been identified and work will continue on this case.



Pictured: greenhouses from illegal marijuana grow sites. Additional photos on next page.



MADGE / IMET continued on next page...

MADGE /IMET continued...



Pictured left: Illegal marijuana grow



Pictured left: destruction of greenhouses and destroying the marijuana.



Pictured below: dumping marijuana from bags for destruction.



NORTH IDAHO NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT - (NINE)

- ◆ On October 20, 2022, U.S. Attorney Josh Hurwit announced that Antoinne James Holmes, 23, of Cusick, Washington, was sentenced to more than 12 years in federal prison for distribution of fentanyl resulting in serious bodily injury and death. U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill sentenced Holmes to 151 months in prison and ordered that he pay \$3,270 in restitution. Holmes, upon completion of his prison time, was also ordered to serve an additional three years of supervised release.

On August 28, 2020, 16-year-old G.D. was found unconscious in his bedroom at his father's home in Sandpoint, Idaho. He died, despite attempts to revive him by family and medical personnel. The coroner determined G.D. died of a fentanyl overdose; a toxicology report and autopsy showed that G.D. had a lethal dose of fentanyl in his system at the time of his death. The case was investigated by the Sandpoint Police Department, Idaho State Police (NINE), and the DEA Drug Task Force in Coeur d'Alene. Officers began an immediate investigation into the death and learned G.D. had met with Holmes during the early morning hours of August 28, 2022, near Old Town, Idaho. Holmes sold G.D. pills containing fentanyl. It was one of these pills that eventually killed G.D. Based upon the evidence it appears that G.D. immediately lost consciousness after consuming the pill. As part of their investigation, officers learned that Holmes had been selling fentanyl-laced pills for several months prior to G.D.'s death.

OVERDOSE RESPONSE STRATEGY - (ORS)

Ongoing project highlights from the ORS - Idaho team of Kevin Hudgens and Karyn Kershaw ~

- ◆ **ODMAP:** The Overdose Mapping and Application Program (ODMAP) provides near real-time suspected overdose surveillance data to support public safety and public health efforts in mobilizing an immediate response to a sudden increase or spike in overdose events. It links first responders and records management systems to a mapping tool to track overdoses and stimulate real-time response and strategic analysis across jurisdictions. In October 2022, Kevin and Karyn were successful in placing the ODMAP API with the Idaho Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Preparedness system. What this means is that roughly 80% of Idaho EMS agencies report to this system, and ODMAP is now being populated with statewide fatal and nonfatal overdose data, as well as naloxone administration information. Thanks to Ali Burrell from the Washington-Baltimore HIDTA and Wayne Denny from the EMS Bureau for help in making this happen. If you are an Idaho agency and have not signed up for ODMAP, please do so by visiting [this registration page](#).
- ◆ **PHAST:** Public Health and Safety Teams. Along with implementing ODMAP statewide, we are also in the process of developing PHASTs, local public safety and public health teams in coming up with local solutions to the opioid crisis affecting their communities. Appreciation to the Idaho State Police (ISP) for taking the lead on this. This year Kevin and Karyn will begin providing training to ISP and public health to move this forward.
- ◆ **Law Enforcement Diversion:** Idaho Law Enforcement Diversion (ILED) is a coalition of law enforcement diversion initiatives in the state. An ILED "initiative" refers to a local diversion program within a specific jurisdiction - initiatives are currently active or developing in the following locations: City of Lewiston, City of Nampa, City of Boise, Bonneville County, and Kootenai County (North Idaho). ILED initiatives integrate local law enforcement agencies, behavioral healthcare providers, prosecuting attorneys, and harm reduction organizations to create an alternative pathway to substance use disorder treatment and recovery in lieu of arrest, thereby shifting rehabilitation from the criminal justice system to the behavioral healthcare system. The North Idaho program is the newest ILED initiative and launched in summer 2022. A special thank you to Idaho State Police District 1 for their partnership with the North Idaho ILED Initiative.
- ◆ **High Desert Task Force:** After many months of work, this task force is close to being up and running. Agencies involved include the Oregon State Police who will lead the task force, the Malheur County Sheriff's Office, Ontario PD, Nyssa PD and Baker City PD on the Oregon side. On the Idaho side agencies include the Idaho State Police, Fruitland PD, Payette PD, Payette County, and Washington County Sheriff's Office's. Our federal partners include the ATF and DEA. A huge thank you to all the law enforcement executives from these agencies for making this happen. It is believed the High Desert Task Force will have an immediate and positive impact on both the Oregon and Idaho side of the border.

If you need assistance, training, or additional information on these or other projects, please feel free to contact:

Kevin Hudgens
Program Coordinator/DIO
Kevin.hudgens@isp.idaho.gov

Karyn Kershaw
Public Health Analyst
Karyn.kershaw@dhw.idaho.gov

OREGON STATE POLICE DOMESTIC HIGHWAY ENFORCEMENT

- On October 2, 2022, an Oregon State Police Trooper stopped a vehicle for speeding on US 97 near milepost 84, about 13 miles north of Madras, OR. During the course of the stop, reasonable suspicion was developed for drug trafficking. A search of the car revealed 11 bundles of narcotics in the trunk of the car, with a gross weight of nearly 14 pounds; a preliminary test showed the narcotics to be heroin.

The driver was identified as Tyler Facey (29) from Vancouver, Washington, along with a 23-year-old female passenger. Facey was lodged in the Jefferson County Jail for various drug crimes and the female passenger was released.

OSP troopers were assisted during the investigation by detectives from the OSP-Criminal Investigations Division-Drug Enforcement Section (Domestic Highway Enforcement Initiative) and the US Department of Homeland Security – Homeland Security Investigations (Medford).



Heroin seizure from Facey vehicle

- On October 6, 2022, an Oregon State Trooper assigned to the Astoria Area Command stopped a black van for several traffic violations on US Highway 30 westbound near milepost 89. During the traffic stop, the trooper noted the driver displayed several signs of impairment and was subsequently arrested for DUII. The involved vehicle was searched, and the following items were seized:

- 89.4 grams of cocaine
- 507.1 grams of pills containing fentanyl
- 108.3 grams of heroin
- 60.5 grams of psilocybin
- 9mm pistol
- \$1,314.12 in US Currency
- Digital scale, drug paraphernalia, and drug packaging

The driver, who was identified as Jamie Redman Brown (47) from Hammond, Oregon, was lodged in the Clatsop County Jail on the following charges: Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants-Controlled Substances, Reckless Driving, Unlawful Possession of Fentanyl- Substantial Quantity (5 grams or more), Unlawful Possession of Heroin- Substantial Quantity (5 grams or more), Unlawful Possession of Cocaine- Substantial Quantity (5 grams or more) and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon.



Drugs, firearm, and cash seized from Brown

- On October 12, 2022, an Oregon State Police Trooper assigned to the Central Point Area Command stopped a white Dodge truck out of Texas, pulling a large cargo trailer, for several traffic violations on State Route 62 in Eagle Point, Oregon. During the stop, reasonable suspicion was developed for the exportation of marijuana.

A consent search of the cargo trailer revealed approximately 350 garbage bags containing dried, processed marijuana with a total weight of 8,850 pounds.

The driver, identified as Manuel Rodriguez Plascencia (30) from Turlock, California, was issued criminal citations and released.



Pictured left: cargo trailer containing marijuana

OSP continued...

- On November 3, 2022, an Oregon State Police Senior Trooper from the Salem Area Command stopped a 2012 BMW passenger car for following too close, unlawful window tint and a speed violation on Interstate 5 northbound near milepost 228. During the traffic stop the trooper noticed signs of criminal activity and requested consent to search, which was denied by the occupants of the vehicle. The trooper deployed his drug detection K9 and after a positive alert to the odor of controlled substances, the trooper conducted a search of the vehicle. The search of the vehicle revealed approximately 83 pounds of suspected cocaine and a firearm concealed in the vehicle.

The driver was identified as Adolfo Martinez (28 years old) and the passenger was identified as Carlos Martinez (23 years old) both from Renton, Washington. Both subjects were taken into custody and lodged in jail pending federal charges.



**Pictured above/right:
Cocaine and firearm seizure**



- On November 10, 2022, an Oregon State Police Trooper from the Klamath Falls Area Command stopped a northbound 2022 Jeep Wagoneer for an unlawful lane change on US 97, near milepost 277. During the traffic stop the trooper recognized signs and indicators consistent with smuggling narcotics/contraband and requested consent to search. The driver denied consent to search and a narcotics detection K9 was requested from the Medford area. A Medford Police Department Narcotics Detection K9 was deployed on the vehicle and gave a positive alert to an odor of controlled substance(s). A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed approximately 53 kilos of cocaine concealed in three duffel bags in the rear cargo area of the vehicle.

The driver was identified as Karanpreet Singh, age 27, from Alberta, British Columbia. The case will be presented to a federal prosecutor for consideration.

Pictured right: 53 pound cocaine seizure



- On November 16, 2022, an Oregon State Police Senior Trooper stopped a 2009 Acura passenger car for failure to drive within its lane of travel on Interstate 5 northbound near milepost 227. During the traffic stop the trooper noticed signs of criminal activity and requested consent to search, which was granted by the occupants of the vehicle.

During a search of the vehicle, the trooper located five large plastic bags containing suspected fentanyl pills concealed in the trunk of the vehicle.



Fentanyl pill seizure

OSP continued from previous page...

The driver was identified as Jose Manuel Gonzalez Obeso (22 years old) and the passenger was identified as Carla Joanna Castillo Arce (18 years old) both from Scottsdale, Arizona. Both subjects were released after being interviewed about their involvement in this case and charges will be referred to the United States Attorney's Office.

- ◆ On December 19, 2022, an Oregon State Police Senior Trooper stopped a 2006 Honda Accord passenger car for following too close on Interstate 5 northbound near milepost 219. During the traffic stop the trooper noticed signs of criminal activity and probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted. During a search of the vehicle, the trooper located six bundles of suspected cocaine concealed in a cardboard box in the trunk of the vehicle.

The driver was identified as Heraclio Sanchez Diaz (38 years old) Gerber, California. Mr. Diaz was taken into custody and charges will be referred to the United States Attorney's Office.



Fentanyl pill seizure



Pictured above/left: Cocaine seized from Honda Accord

ROGUE AREA DRUG ENFORCEMENT

4th Quarter Update ~

- ◆ During the 4th quarter, Rogue Area Drug Enforcement (RADE) seized over 11 pounds of methamphetamine, a pound of fentanyl, ¼ pound of heroin and 16 firearms.

Detectives are currently working several long term investigations and continue to assist other agencies with their long term investigations.

U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE FUGITIVE TASK FORCE

- ◆ On October 12, 2022, Jaron Moody was taken into custody by the U.S. Marshals Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force (PNVOTF).

In November 2019, Jaron Moody was arrested for Attempted Murder when he was involved in an altercation over a female where he discharged a firearm at another male. He was subsequently arrested by Portland Police Bureau and booked into jail pending trial. In April of 2021 Moody was released on pre-trial conditions to include GPS ankle monitoring. In July of 2022 Moody was involved in a traffic accident while on GPS monitoring with pre-trial. Moody ran from the traffic accident, ditching a firearm in the process after providing his identification to the other involved parties. Witnesses to the traffic accident provided the identification of Moody and location of where Moody ditched the firearm to law enforcement. Moody cut his GPS monitoring system and went on the run.



Moody

PNVOTF members determined that his girlfriend's address was Moody's new primary address and on October 12, 2022, arrested Moody at his girlfriend's residence without incident. PNVOTF were able to identify Moody and his girlfriend inside of the apartment. His girlfriend had left the apartment and was stopped away and interviewed by PNVOTF members. She stated to PNVOTF members that Moody had left the apartment and was not inside. After PNVOTF members knocked and announced their presence, Moody finally agreed to exit the apartment.

- ◆ In October of 2022, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) and United States Postal Inspectors (USPIS) notified Homeland Security Investigators (HSI) of a package that was shipped from Portland, Oregon, intended for the United Kingdom. The name of the sender was Marcos A Zavala. The contents of the package contained Glock weapon components. The shipping label on the package indicated that the contents was art supplies.

Over the course of two months, investigators from London Metropolitan Police, HSI London, HSI Portland, ATF, and U.S. Department of Commerce determined through their investigation through search warrants of Telegram, Coinbase and Bank records that the identity of Marcos A Zavala was really Michael Zathan Diaz. Diaz had shipped multiple packages to a Jordanian resident who traveled to and from Portland, Oregon to the United Kingdom to deliver the packages. These packages contained narcotics to include fentanyl and cocaine, fake United States Identifications, and firearm parts. Undercover (UC) agents with HSI established a line of communication with Diaz who stated that he was getting ready to move to Southern California on December 1, 2022, and that the last day he would be able to ship packages would be on November 29th, 2022. The UC agents placed an order for narcotics with Diaz and Diaz responded that he would ship the order on November 29th. Diaz posted videos and made comments on his social media that he was willing to kill anyone to include law enforcement that interfered with his "dark web" business.

On November 25, 2022, HSI Portland contacted the PNVOTF to coordinate the arrest of Diaz due to his violent criminal history. On November 29, 2022, the PNVOTF established surveillance on Diaz's residence in Northwest Portland in the early morning based on his pattern of taking his child to school. Diaz was not seen until the early afternoon leaving his apartment without the child. PNVOTF members conducted a vehicle pin and took Diaz into custody without incident.

Investigators from London Metropolitan Police, HSI, ATF and Commerce served a search warrant on Diaz's apartment after his arrest and seized the following:

65.4grams of cocaine, 339 grams of marijuana, 135 grams of mushrooms, 1,608 grams of Alprazolam (Xanax), a .25 caliber pistol, and a 12-gauge shotgun.



Vehicle pin on Diaz



Diaz

USMS continued...

- ◆ In early November 2022, the District of Oregon PNVOTF received a collateral lead request from Western Washington PNVOTF to locate and apprehend Thomas Justin Gutz. Information in the lead indicated that Gutz was residing in a shed on a property in Gresham, Oregon. A confidential informant confirmed that Gutz was in possession of a 9mm handgun.

On December 7, 2022, PNVTOF members and members of Multnomah County Special Investigations Unit visually confirmed that Gutz was inside of the shed on the property in Gresham. Before PNVTOF members approached the residence they noticed that their presence was compromised by the homeowner who alerted Gutz that police vehicles were in the area. PNVOTF members approached the residence and breached the fence to gain visual access to the shed and began to loud hail for Gutz to exit the shed. A short time later PNVOTF members heard what they believed to be three-gun shots from the area of the shed. PNVOTF and SIU members took up positions behind hard cover and called for SWAT. SWAT was able to take Gutz into custody without further incident a few hours later.

SIU obtained a search warrant for the shed and once Gutz was in custody, SIU members and PNVOTF members searched the shed and recovered and seized an AR-10 .308 rifle with a drum magazine, a 9mm pistol with a red dot sight, an extended magazine, and small quantities of methamphetamine.



Gutz

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.

SDUSM Eric Wahlstrom / eric.wahlstrom@usdoj.gov / Cell: 503-969-4411
DUSM Jonathan Lobell / jonathan.lobell@usdoj.gov / Cell: 969-5543

WESTSIDE INTERAGENCY NARCOTICS

4th Quarter Update ~

- ◆ Three separate overdose deaths led the Westside Interagency Narcotics team (WIN) to uncover a drug trafficking organization (DTO) that masqueraded its dealers as homeless persons. The DTO operated out of a homeless camp during the hours of 1200 to 2200. The off-site dispatcher would send customers to an intersection in the Portland area, where a dealer would meet them on foot for the delivery. At 2200, the DTO members would leave the homeless camp and drive home to their respective apartments in the Metro area.

On Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at about 7:00 a.m., WIN investigators simultaneously executed eight search warrants at various locations in Washington, Clackamas, and Multnomah Counties and seized:

- Fentanyl Blue M30's: 5168.9 Grams (11.39 lbs.)
- Fentanyl Powder: 1017.7 Grams (2.24 lbs.)
- Heroin: 948.3 Grams (2.09 lbs.)
- Methamphetamine: 1988.7 Grams (4.3 lbs.)
- Cocaine: 3.7 Grams
- Marijuana: 75.1 Grams
- Cash: \$420,761
- Firearms: 7
- Body Armor: 2
- Suppressor: 1
- Brick Presses: 3



Pictured: drugs and cash seized by WIN

One arrest was made as a result of the warrant service and more arrests are anticipated.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the following agencies and organizations for their collaboration in this mission: Clackamas County Interagency Task Force (CCITF), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Multnomah County Special Investigations Unit (SIU), Oregon State Police (OSP), Portland Police Bureau's Special Emergency React Team (SERT), and Portland Police Bureau's Neighborhood Response Team (NRT).



DTO homeless camp

OREGON-IDAHO HIDTA TRAINING INITIATIVE

2022 4th 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.

During the 4th quarter of 2022, the Training Initiative provided funding for the following trainings:

- *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*

Upcoming Oregon-Idaho HIDTA sponsored trainings include:

- *Excel for Public Safety, Portland, OR ~ January 23, 2023*
- *Mission Planning for Law Enforcement, Salem, OR ~ February 15-16, 2023*
- *Snapchat Investigations, Meridian, ID ~ February 28, 2023*
- *Fentanyl and other Opiates Safety and Awareness, Meridian, ID ~ March 22, 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.

Contact Information:

Email: ned.walls@dpsst.oregon.gov

Telephone: 503.947.8558

ANALYTICAL SUPPORT

Oregon-Idaho HIDTA Information Sharing and Analytical Coordination Center (ISACC)

Manager Cam Strahm

503.310.4411

cam.strahm@dpsst.oregon.gov

Strategic Threat Analyst Terra Duncan

503.378.4646

terra.duncan@dpsst.oregon.gov

Oregon DOJ Analytical & Criminal Investigative Services Section (ACISS) :

Manager Shannon Marheine

503.934.2022 - Direct

503.798.8973 - Cell

shannon.m.marheine@doj.state.or.us

Watch Center:

800.442.6248 or

oregonwatch@wsin.riss.net

OREGON-IDAHO HIDTA LAW ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE ACTIVITY

(YTD = End of 4th Quarter)

	2021	Qtr	2022 YTD
DTO-MLOs Dismantled/Disrupted <i>(Projected - 73)</i>	83	27	80
Cases Opened <i>(Average - 3,175)</i>	3,189	918	3,488
Cases Designated RPOT/CPOT	0	0	0
Cases Qualified as OCDETF	4	0	9
Cases Designated PTO	5	3	9
Arrests	2,307	714	2,691
Kg of Drugs Seized			
Cocaine	130.05	146.4	180.4
Fentanyl	5.02	15.7	54.7
Heroin	181	20.0	68.0
Marijuana	751,733	156,391.8	422,517.8
Methamphetamine/Ice	1,063	111.3	775.3
DU of Drugs Seized			
Fentanyl	1,518,204	1,089,732	3,022,641
Other Illicit Drugs	237,973	84,050	363,086
Assets Seized - Cash	\$14,831,000	\$2,219,725	\$10,251,725
Value of Non-Cash Assets Seized	\$2,662,000	\$460,748	\$18,145,748
Firearms Seized	1,331	89	848
Wire Taps	62	9	46
Vaping Cartridges Seized	70,094	29	13,134

Oregon-Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program

Chris Gibson - Director

4190 Aumsville Highway SE

Salem, Oregon 97317

503.934.2020

chris.gibson@dpsst.oregon.gov

Website: oridhidta.org