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**Oregon-Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
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ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Outstanding Interdiction Effort

The Oregon State Police, HIDTA Domestic Highway Enforcement (OSP DHE), is comprised of three detectives and a supervisor strategically located throughout the state. The OSP DHE team's purpose is to assist the Patrol Trooper during a HIDTA level seizure. An OSP DHE detective assists in each HIDTA level seizure as it is occurring and conducts a post seizure investigation. With only three detectives and a supervisor it is challenging to respond to every HIDTA level seizure regardless of the time, day or night. OSP DHE Detectives further the investigation, regardless of what jurisdiction the investigation may lead to.

Nearly all of these post seizure investigations are very time sensitive. The DTO being investigated sets predetermined times for the contraband to be delivered, which sometimes include routine or predetermined telephone calls between the conspirators, or follow vehicles to allow the DTO to know if the contraband has been seized by the police. All these factors require skilled investigators to quickly gain the trust and confidence of the suspect while determining if the suspect is telling the truth by confirming or disproving anything the suspect says. Decisions need to be made quickly in order to meet these predetermined deadlines and to share the information with the law enforcement agency the contraband is destined to be delivered to.

By conducting a de-confliction of the vehicle and each person in the vehicle, the OSP DHE team is able to immediately share information with other agencies who may be investigating the same individual or group of individuals. Each detective is equipped with the newest technology in Cellebrite that is kept in their vehicle to be used to collect the data from the suspect's cell phones. The cell phone information is shared with the appropriate jurisdiction from which the contraband originated from or is destined for. By staying current in Cellebrite technology the OSP DHE team has been able to deliver very important and time sensitive information to many investigating agencies that would not normally have had access to this important information to assist them with their current ongoing investigations.

Klamath and Lakeview troopers stopped a vehicle, obtained consent to search, and located \$46,100 in currency. The driver cooperated, and OSP DHE conducted pretext calls and drafted a search warrant for the residence. OSP DHE worked with Central Point Troopers and Detectives, along with MADGE and RADE detectives to execute the search warrant. Upon entry, OSP DHE located an active closed loop BHO lab in a shed behind the property. The OSP Clandestine Lab Tem was called and rendered the lab safe, collecting 30.2 pounds of Butane Honey Oil. During the remaining search of the residence, OSP DHE seized 188.5 pounds of marijuana, 14.8 pounds of DMT, 153.5 grams of Psilocybin mushrooms, 25 weapons, and made 2 arrests.

The Oregon State Police DHE team continues to keep pace with the latest in technology and keep up with drug trends that continue to change every day. By evolving with these trends and continuing to be forward looking the OSP DHE team has managed to keep up with the fast paced lifestyle of drug investigations. This success would not have been possible without building relationships and working together with members of the Oregon State Police CAPE

program, federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, not just in Oregon but across the country. This dramatic success is only possible by sharing tactical and strategic intelligence information with other law enforcement elements regardless of jurisdiction. This method of sharing information is a sterling example of best practices for intelligence collection and intelligence sharing.

From May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017 the OSP DHE team assisted with 196 investigations. 109 were HIDTA level seizures and conducted post seizure investigations on each of them. There has been numerous spin off cases that have occurred due to the work of the OSP DHE team. The OSP DHE team was able to refer information from 77 different investigations to other jurisdictions, which included numerous other states across the country. The information gathered from the post seizure investigations led to an additional 49 search warrants. During this period the Oregon State Police made 178 arrests related to HIDTA level seizures.

During 2016/17 the DHE/Oregon State Police, OSP DHE team, working with the Patrol Services Division seized the below amounts of narcotics and U.S. currency involved with narcotics.

Marijuana:	445.33 kg
Cocaine:	18.92 kg
Methamphetamine:	47.023 kg
Heroin:	9.23 kg
U.S. Currency:	\$372,957

On top of the OSP DHE detective's responsibilities, the OSP DHE team is part of the Oregon State Police Clandestine Laboratory Investigation Team. Although the team is comprised of 15 members who participate in drug lab response, the OSP DHE members end up taking primary on many of the reports involved in drug lab investigations. OSP Clandestine laboratory Investigation Team purchased a TruNarc Handheld narcotics Analyzer to identify substances at scenes. This new technology provides presumptive identification of unknown substances, increases officer safety, and assists in protecting the public. This shows their dedication to not only OSP DHE and its mission but the dedication to the state of Oregon and its citizens.

The 's fast acting; coordinated intelligence-sharing approach is a model for similar programs throughout the country. The OSP DHE team takes steps daily to further initiate new and inventive interdiction methods and procedures with a genuine belief in the HIDTA mission. Infectious enthusiasm and tireless efforts makes this team worthy of being recognized as the HIDTA Outstanding Task Force-Interdiction Effort.

Outstanding Local Impact Investigative Effort

In 2016, the Clackamas County Interagency Task Force (CCITF) used a confidential informant (CI) to conduct a controlled buy of a user quantity of methamphetamine from an unwitting source. While the CI was inside the residence, the Source of Supply (SOS) was identified by the CI. The SOS for the unwitting had arrived at the same time the informant was inside the residence, and the unwitting was being resupplied. CCITF investigators followed the SOS away from the residence where the informant conducted the controlled buy. A traffic stop was conducted on the SOS and CCITF located an additional 2 ounces of methamphetamine.

The SOS cooperated with CCITF and conducted 3 controlled buys of ¼ pounds of methamphetamine from his SOS, here after referred to as Suspect #1 (S1). A search warrant was written for Si's residence. During the search warrant, 9 ½ pounds of methamphetamine were found and approximately \$10,000 of US Currency was seized. S1 cooperated with CCITF and agreed to order methamphetamine from his SOS. S1 ordered 6 Kilos of methamphetamine, and CCITF members stopped S1's SOS, hereafter referred to as Suspect #2 (S2), vehicle. CCITF investigators located the 6 Kilos inside the vehicle. S2 determined to be a runner for a Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO).

S1 will be sentenced to Federal Prison. He is facing more than 10 years without consideration for cooperation. S2 was sentenced to Federal Prison for 6 years.

On another investigation S1 worked to set up a 3 pound buy/bust of methamphetamine from a male suspect, hereafter referred to as Suspect #3 (S3). S3 was arrested in Milwaukie with the 3 pounds of methamphetamine. S3 agreed to cooperate with CCITF and become an informant. S3 set up a deal for a pound of methamphetamine from one of his SOS, who deals for several other persons. The SOS agreed to get S3 a pound from a female source. CCITF investigators arrested the SOS in Gresham, OR. The SOS immediately cooperated with CCITF and gave up his source as a female who he purchased pound quantities from on multiple occasions.

The pound deal was already set in motion, because CCITF had ordered through the prior informant. The male coordinated a meet location in Clackamas County. Prior to the female arriving to the meet location, CCITF investigators performed a traffic stop with the female. During the traffic stop approximately 1 ½ pounds of methamphetamine and a firearm were located in the vehicle. Another male in the vehicle was also arrested on an outstanding warrant.

The female agreed to cooperate with CCITF and gave up her SOS as two Hispanic males living in Gladstone, OR. The female stated she knew the males as X1 and X2. CCITF contacted Portland DVD who had additional information on males in Gladstone. The female made recorded phone calls to X1 and set up a deal for a pound of methamphetamine. CCITF and DVD investigators conducted surveillance of the apartment complex and observed X2 coming and going from 2 separate apartments. X2 was stopped on traffic stop on his way to the meet location, and a pound of methamphetamine was located in the center console of the truck he was driving. X1 was contacted and arrested at the Burlington Coat Factory in Happy Valley,

OR (which was the location where the informant was supposed to meet them to conduct the transaction for the pound of methamphetamine.).

X2 explained we would find a large quantity of methamphetamine in one of the apartments. A search warrant was written for both apartments, and during the warrant 63 pounds of methamphetamine, two handguns, a small amount of cocaine, and approximately \$40,000 of US Currency was found. Subsequently, X2 cooperated with CCITF.

X2 ordered 5 pounds of methamphetamine from his SOS in Merced CA. CCITF investigators worked with X2 and stopped the vehicle with 3 “runners”, who were all arrested. In the vehicle CCITF investigators located 4 pounds of methamphetamine. X2 also worked with CCITF to take off 2 of his customers, performing “reverse buys,” where approximately \$20,000 in US Currency was seized. X1 will be sentenced to federal prison for 6-8 years. X2 is facing 10-14 years in federal prison. The 3 pound level male and the female are both looking at state sentences of 4-6 years in prison.

Outstanding Interstate/International Impact Investigative Effort

On February 16, 2017, Portland Police Bureau Drugs and Vice Division (DVD) Investigators Sean Macomber and Freddie Jackson responded to an address in Portland, Oregon on the report of an accidental fatal drug overdose. The responding investigators identified the deceased as eighteen (18) year old Aisha Zughbieh-Collins (Collins). The investigators obtained statements from Collins’ mother indicating that Collins obtained controlled substances from the internet. Investigators examined the scene of the overdose and discovered several items including a small plastic baggie with a computer generated adhesive label listing “U47700 1g” that contained white powder and opened USPS Priority Mail Envelopes with labels displaying tracking numbers and return addresses from South Carolina. Investigators also found a notepad that had handwritten codes inside as well as a VeriQuick brand pregnancy test kit.

Investigators enlisted the help of Portland Police Bureau HIDTA Interdiction Team (HIT) members and Special Agent Guy Gino of Homeland Security Investigations (HIS). They reviewed the physical evidence from the crime scene and the recognized the handwritten codes in the notepad as a PGP key which is essential for sending encrypted messages via the Dark Net. Investigators found the owner of this key to belong to the username Bitbyabee. Investigators quickly identified Bitbyabee as the victim, Collins. Collins was found to have a buyer account under the name Bitbyabee on the dark net site AlphaBay, an illicit site operating in similar fashion to eBay. The account for Bitbyabee showed they had purchased U-47700 on February 11, 2017 from a vendor identified as Peter the Great.

US Postal Inspector Adam Sale analyzed the USPS Priority Mail postage labels found at the crime scene and identified that the postage was purchased using a third party online postage company. He determined that the parcels entered the mail system at the USPS Processing & Distribution Center (P&DC) mail facility in Greenville, South Carolina.

Investigators were able to perform undercover controlled purchases of U-47700 on the AlphaBay site from vendor Peter the Great. Upon receipt of the U-47700 purchases, investigators noted that the narcotics were secreted inside VeriQuick brand pregnancy test kits. They confirmed that the packages originated from the Greenville, South Carolina region and that the postage labels were generated from the same online postage company.

Investigators subpoenaed the third party postage company identified by Inspector Sale and Dollar Tree, the maker of the VeriQuick pregnancy test kit. Through these subpoenas they were able to find multiple leads including video surveillance of the purchase of the VeriQuick pregnancy test kits and a possible true name and physical address for Peter the Great.

This information was vetted by analysts from all participating agencies and they identified two individuals associated to the Peter the Great account. Ana Milena Berrero and Theodore Vitaliy Khleborod.

Between April 24-28, 2017 members of DVD, HIT, HSI and USPIS flew from Portland, Oregon to Greenville, SC in an effort to arrest and charge Berrero and Khleborod. With strong cooperation from HSI Greenville as well as multiple state, local and federal partners, 24 hour surveillance was set up on the two suspects. Within three days investigators had seized 137 parcels of U-47700 being shipped by Berrero destined for multiple points across the country. On day three investigators executed federal search warrants on two residence and one vehicle as well as Berrero and Khleborod.

During execution of the search warrants, investigators located approximately *twelve kilograms* of suspected U-47700, Fentanyl and other similar illicit compounds, \$12,000 in Bitcoin (digital currency), hundreds of USPS shipping labels and packages as well thirty computers and cell phones containing relative evidence. Investigators also located paper evidence in the form of customer lists, fulfilled orders and pending orders.

With the discovery of this evidence, Investigators have since linked nine overdose deaths across the country to Khleborod (Peter the Great). Investigators have also located multiple other overdoses across the country that are suspected of being linked to Khleborod. Investigators continue to discover new leads and evidence as they process further evidence.

Khleborod and Berrero have been indicted on Federal Drug charges in the District of South Carolina. Khleborod has further been indicted under the Len Bias law in the District of Oregon with plans to indict Berrero as well.

This investigation is a perfect example of teamwork and commitment at the investigator and agency level that can lead to impactful results as teams across the country struggle to keep up with the opioid epidemic sweeping through Oregon and across the country. Although only a handful of investigators have been highlighted in this nomination, this work would not have been possible without the commitment of each participating agency from Oregon as well as South Carolina and the support of OR-ID HIDTA. These investigators are on the global leading edge of dark net and overdose investigations. Through this case, investigators have

applied this same model of cooperation, team work and investigative skill and are currently working three other overdoses out of the Portland area that lead back to Pittsburgh, PA.

Outstanding Task Force Commander

Lt. Patrick Huskey began his law enforcement career in 2000 and over the past 17 years has held a number of professional positions and responsibilities. As a HIDTA Interdiction Team (HIT) Detective, he was assigned to the Portland HIT team where he worked for 5 years. In February of 2015, Lt. Huskey returned to Drug Enforcement and was assigned as the Drug Enforcement Section Sergeant (DES) at General Headquarters where he supervised the DES programs, to include the DHE /HIT Detectives, the Clandestine Laboratory Program and the Tobacco Enforcement Program.

During the past year, Lt. Huskey was instrumental in providing leadership and direction to all members of the Domestic Highway Enforcement (DHE) Program including Patrol, HIT and the OSP Clan Lab Program. This included monitoring investigations, daily operations, risk management, and ensuring that the team is operating in a fiscally responsible manner. Lt. Huskey has implemented a number of innovative programs or processes to streamline the efficiency of operations. These programs include improving upon existing documentation procedures, long range planning, goal setting, and training. Lt. Huskey has cemented a reputation as someone who leads by example. He understands the principles of doing the right thing and would never ask anyone to do something he is not willing to do himself. He never complains and does not shy away from lending a hand regardless of the task. Given Lt. Huskey's skill set, he has been tasked on a number of occasions this past year to assist in investigations throughout the state. Many of these assignments were time sensitive, often requiring him to work long hours, on days off, and travel throughout Oregon. When Lt. Huskey took over the DES/HIT supervisory responsibilities he realized there was a need for improved communication in the field regarding reporting procedures for DHE/HIT investigations. Lt. Huskey worked diligently with the HIT Detectives, Patrol Troopers and leadership within the Regions to identify needs and deficiencies during investigations and streamline notifications which ultimately allowed the Detectives to conduct the investigation as needed.

Throughout his career with the Oregon State Police, Lt. Huskey has been committed to working with all of our Law Enforcement partners. Lt. Huskey has worked closely with all the Oregon Drug Task Force teams in the sharing of HIT assets and clandestine drug lab investigations. If not assisting with clandestine laboratory investigations on scene, he would commonly consult by phone to assist in the investigation. Lt. Huskey is a critical thinker and is always looking at improving upon a process or procedure. After developing concerns for the health and safety of the team and partners, Lt. Huskey started working with partners in the area of Butane Honey Oil Extraction incidents statewide. Realizing the dangers presented by BHO Labs he diligently worked with his peers in the field to identify deficiencies within the Oregon State Police Clandestine Lab Program and was able to make the necessary changes to the program to ensure its success. Some of the issues addressed were intrinsically safe communications for investigations, safe clothing, ventilation fans and a Trunarc device used to

test chemical and substances in the field. Finding funding at a time when state budgets were contracting was not an easy task, but Lt. Huskey, being solution oriented, persevered until he achieved his goal and acquired funding.

Lt. Huskey's genuine and selfless dedication to his job, the mission of the DHE Program and OSP's Drug Enforcement Section, and to those he leads, has contributed significantly to their successes. He is highly regarded amongst his peers, demonstrates the leadership qualities essential of a police supervisor, and is a credit to his agency and the profession.

Outstanding Prosecutor

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Idaho nominates Special Assistant United States Attorney ("SAUSA") Bryce B. Ellsworth for the Oregon-Idaho HIDTA outstanding prosecutor award.

The outstanding prosecutor award recognizes the prosecutor who has consistently developed and utilized an innovative and/or unique approach to case support for interagency drug enforcement task forces and/or single-agency drug enforcement teams. Additionally, the award recognizes prosecutors who commit themselves to the cooperative spirit of drug enforcement, mainly through the timely development and application of legal tools and, who have played an integral role in the arrest, prosecution and conviction of individuals engaged in illegal drug activities. SAUSA Ellsworth deserves such recognition.

Drug trafficking continues to plague the United States, the northwest region, as well as Idaho. Much of the drug trafficking activity centers in, around and through Ada and Canyon counties, the Treasure Valley. The Treasure Valley is Idaho's population hub, consisting of the state capitol, Boise, and the fast-growing cities of Meridian and Nampa. With a major interstate running through its center, the Treasure Valley has been a major hub for drug trafficking, namely methamphetamine, marijuana and prescription drugs, and most recently, heroin.

In 2015, the Oregon HIDTA recognized the level of drug trafficking in the area when it added Ada and Canyon counties to its program. With the allocated HIDTA funds, the Idaho HIDTA board chose to fund a SAUSA position dedicated to federally prosecuting Treasure Valley drug traffickers and organizations. Bryce Ellsworth was hired for that position, beginning work in June 2015.

As an Ada County deputy prosecutor (Ada sponsors the HIDTA attorney), Ellsworth hit the ground running, making an immediate impact. He teamed with Boise Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents, task force officers, Idaho State Police detectives and local police and sheriff's deputies to ensure drug trafficking cases found a prosecution "home" in the U.S. Attorney's Office. The results have been nothing short of outstanding.

Ellsworth's production as our HIDTA SAUSA has been spectacular. In federal fiscal year, Ellsworth handled 26 federal drug cases against 39 defendants. In fiscal year 2017, Ellsworth

has already filed eight federal drug cases against 18 defendants, despite trying two significant cases. Ellsworth's production has been nothing short of outstanding and leads the District.

Ellsworth's case filings are just one component of his outstanding work. He is also a skilled trial attorney. In 2017, he successfully tried two drug trafficking cases, resulting in convictions on counts carrying serious mandatory minimum sentences and the dismantling of those organizations. In April, after a short trial, a Boise jury found Justin Gomez guilty of methamphetamine trafficking. Gomez, a California gang member with two prior felony drug convictions, will be sentenced to mandatory life in prison. Most recently, Ellsworth tried a three-defendant methamphetamine trafficking case, resulting in convictions of two defendants for very serious drug offenses carrying 10- and 20-year mandatory minimum prison sentences. Results such as these send a clear message to the community and drug trafficking organizations about the perils of drug trafficking.

Ellsworth's amazing efforts have played an integral role in our District's efforts to stem drug trafficking. On a number of fast-moving drug investigations, Ellsworth has worked after-hours with agents and officers to secure search warrants, electronic surveillance orders and criminal complaints to ensure drug traffickers are expeditiously integrated into the federal system. His cases often generate assets for forfeiture, a necessary method for divesting drug traffickers of ill-gotten proceeds. Ellsworth has also developed strong partnerships with his counterparts in the local prosecutor's offices. Hence, he is quickly able to cull and screen potential federal drug cases with a phone call. This has been of tremendous benefit to the collective effort to stem drug trafficking. Local prosecutors regularly contact Ellsworth for advice on potential federal drug cases.

Ellsworth's efforts have not gone unnoticed. He is regularly praised by our local DEA supervisor for his work ethic and relationships with agents and task force officers. Our local Idaho State Police supervisor also sings Ellsworth's praise. Ellsworth's efforts have caused east Idaho counties to try to duplicate the program. Ellsworth's hard work and proven success has resulted in a highly successful HIDTA program in the Treasure Valley.

Bryce Ellsworth is a prosecutor who has committed himself to the cooperative spirit of drug enforcement. He regularly and effectively uses the federal system's legal tools to forward the arrest, prosecution and conviction of drug traffickers. He is deserving of the outstanding prosecutor award. Accordingly, I recommend Special Assistant United States Attorney Bryce B. Ellsworth for HIDTA outstanding prosecutor award.

Award for Excellence

Detective Kent Vander Kamp has consistently performed at an extremely high level over the past year and beyond. He is known for building relationships, providing leadership and direction, collaborating across jurisdictional boundaries, and has been responsible for achieving outstanding investigative results.

Detective Vander Kamp comes to the team with a diverse background that includes, management, supervision, real estate, car sales, pilot, medic, and the list goes on. He is knowledgeable in many areas, which he modestly shares to help his team operate much more efficiently.

Detective Vander Kamp is not motivated by personal success. He is a team player dedicated to helping his fellow detectives on their cases. His teammates routinely go to him for advice, direction, and leadership. He will do any assigned task, even the most daunting or mundane tasks in a drug investigation.

Detective Vander Kamp is utilized periodically in the capacity of an acting supervisor when the team is left without a formal supervisor. He has earned the respect from his team. He always considers team safety, liability, and what is best for the investigation.

Detective Vander Kamp routinely involves other agencies to assist him in his investigations. Specifically, he has worked numerous investigations with the DEA, FBI, ATF, Department of Homeland Security Investigations, Customs and Border Patrol, United States Postal Service, Amtrak, Parole and Probation, district attorneys, defense attorneys, local street crime teams, other local and state agencies, treatment facilities, and reserve officers. In addition, he is the 'go to' guy for ATF, HSI and CBP cases in all of Central Oregon.

Detective Vander Kamp began working an investigation into a local target that was purchasing heroin and steroid pills from Pakistan in 2015. Detective Vander Kamp quickly found this case stretched across multiple states and countries. He has worked closely with DEA, FBI, Postal Inspector, and multiple local and state investigators in an attempt to dismantle this large and complex organization. He has met with investigators in Washington DC on two occasions, Connecticut, and Florida. He has been responsible, and/or assisted, in the seizure of thousands of Heroin pills. He continues to collaborate across jurisdictional boundaries to ensure this case is a success.

Earlier this year, Detective Vander Kamp recognized how important it was to have strong relationships with parole and probation officers. He was routinely coming across informants that were on parole and probation. This proved to be difficult as there were opposing viewpoints on utilizing informants on drug investigations. Detective Vander Kamp met individually with many of the parole and probation officers as well as the Director and invited them to weekly briefings, ride a longs, and search warrants. He took the opportunity to educate them on drug investigations, informant handling, and CODE objectives. This ultimately aided in a better working relationship, mutual understanding, as well as more efficient investigations.

Detective Vander Kamp routinely brings in Reserve police officers to assist in his investigations. He mentors and teaches them the complexities of drug investigations. He understands how important it is to help others around him succeed. He is motivated to help others increase their knowledge and skills for their future.

Detective Vander Kamp was an outstanding investigator over the past year. He was statistically one of the highest performers on the CODE team. He opened 37 new investigations, arrested 40 individuals for drug related crimes, and executed 14 search warrants. He seized commercial

quantities of Heroin, Cocaine, Fentanyl, and over 97 ounces of Methamphetamine. He also seized seven firearms, four vehicles, one residence, \$30,000 in Gold and Silver coins, and \$50,000 in US Currency. Additionally, he co-lead an investigation that led to the seizure of over 17 pounds of methamphetamine and \$15,000 in US Currency.

Detective Vander Kamp also conducted numerous drug presentations and trainings throughout this past year. He taught at citizen academies, reserve academies, DPSST, ODOT, and at briefings for local agencies. He focused on emerging drug threats, trends, and the dangers of all drugs, to include Fentanyl and Butane Honey Oil (BHO) labs.

Detective Vander Kamp's tenacity, motivation, selfless dedication to his job, and leadership has contributed significantly to the success of the CODE team this past year. He is highly regarded amongst his peers, and is a credit to his agency and the profession. I strongly recommend Detective Kent Vander Kamp be considered for this most privileged award.

Outstanding Task Force

The Basin Interagency Narcotics Enforcement Team (BINET) was formed on June 1, 2016 with the cooperative support and participation of the Klamath Falls Police Department, the Oregon State Police, and the Klamath County District Attorney's Office.

BINET is the first formalized drug team in Klamath County, since The Klamath County Interagency Narcotics Team (KINT) was disbanded in 2007. BINET was established initially as a 4 person team (2 state troopers and 2 KFPD detectives) that was supplemented with a part time district attorney's office investigator. The team had a budget of \$15,000 for FY 16-17, which made the need for partnerships and a variety of investigative techniques all that more necessary.

The small four person team of state troopers and police detectives utilized partnerships with the DEA, HSI and other local drug task forces such as the Rogue Area Drug Enforcement (RADE) and Central Oregon Drug Enforcement (CODE) to craft successful investigations into multiple drug trafficking organizations in the Klamath Basin and Northern California. Utilizing these partnerships, BINET successfully disrupted four HIDTA level drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) in the Klamath Falls area in 2016.

These Organizations included, the Pena DTO in Klamath Falls, the Gomez DTO in Malin, the Suarez DTO in Klamath Falls, and the Catano DTO in Newell, California and Malin, Oregon. During these DTO investigations BINET served 7 search warrants and vehicle tracker warrants in Oregon and California. Five upper level methamphetamine suppliers were arrested (two more fled to Mexico) during the service of these search warrants. The majority of these cases are already pled out at the state level with prison terms ranging from 24-30 months. The Catano DTO is currently in the process of a federal plea deal. These four DTO investigations resulted in the seizure of over 22 pounds of methamphetamine, 3 firearms, and over \$70,000 in US currency.

BINET, with substantial support from DEA, HSI and RADE, utilized a broad range of investigative techniques during these investigations which included developing low level informants, residence checks and parole and probation searches, vehicle and foot surveillance, informant controlled buys, introduction of an undercover officer (UC) for UC controlled buys,

airplane follows and surveillance, vehicle tracker search warrants, and ultimately multiple residence and vehicle search warrants.

BINET and the DEA are currently investigating the command and control structure directly above these DTOs – a financial and drug investigation which leads into Northern and Southern California, into the Rogue Valley, Oregon and all the way back to Mexico.