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Director's Message

As we continue to maneuver the distractions and unknowns of 2020, I am impressed by the work and dedication of the men and women who are responsible for protecting the communities that they serve in Oregon and Idaho. I am particularly proud of the work of the drug enforcement task forces and prevention organizations that I have the privilege of working with as the Oregon-Idaho HIDTA director. No one has lost sight of the HIDTA program mission and goals and remain committed to reducing the harmful effects of drug production, trafficking, distribution and use that occur in the region and nation. For that, I say THANK YOU!

I am proud to announce the recipients of the Oregon-Idaho HIDTA, Oregon Narcotics Enforcement Association 2020 awards:

- ***OUTSTANDING INTERSTATE/INTERNATIONAL IMPACT INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT***
Homeland Security Investigations, Gresham Police Department and United States Attorney's Office, District of Oregon
- ***OUTSTANDING LOCAL IMPACT INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT***
Douglas Interagency Narcotics Team
- ***OUTSTANDING DRUG ENFORCEMENT TEAM***
Medford Area Drug Gang Enforcement
- ***SHARON L. ABERLE MEMORIAL OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR AWARD***
Connie Dewey, Oregon State Police
- ***OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT ANALYST***
Chad Danner, Oregon National Guard Counterdrug Program
- ***OUTSTANDING PROSECUTOR***
Allison Eichmann, Douglas County District Attorney's Office
- ***AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE***
Trooper Douglas Krell, Oregon State Police

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Training Institute we were not able to properly recognize the fine work of the recipients by presenting the awards in front of their peers. Instead ONEA President Kevin Walruff and I will be making arrangements with the recipient's home agencies to present the awards personally. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Remain vigilant, safe and healthy!

Chris Gibson

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BLUE MOUNTAIN ENFORCEMENT NARCOTICS TEAM

- Over the course of the last 6 months Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team has been investigating a Drug Trafficking Organization operating in and about Eastern Oregon, Yakima Washington and Tri-Cities Washington.

Within the 2nd quarter, BENT disrupted this organization with the services of multiple search warrants and planned arrests for unlawful delivery of heroin, fentanyl, and methamphetamine and unlawful possession of heroin, fentanyl and methamphetamine. Throughout the course of this investigation and pursuant to multiple search warrants BENT seized 2 ¼ kilos of heroin, 2000 fentanyl pills, 4 pounds of methamphetamine, and one handgun.

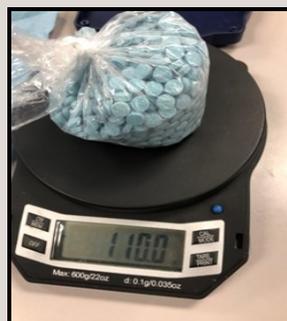
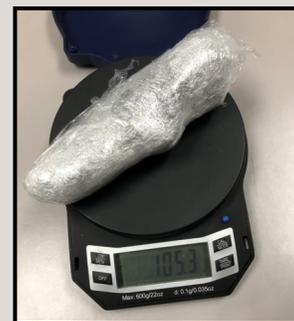


Heroin, fentanyl pills, methamphetamine, handgun seizure

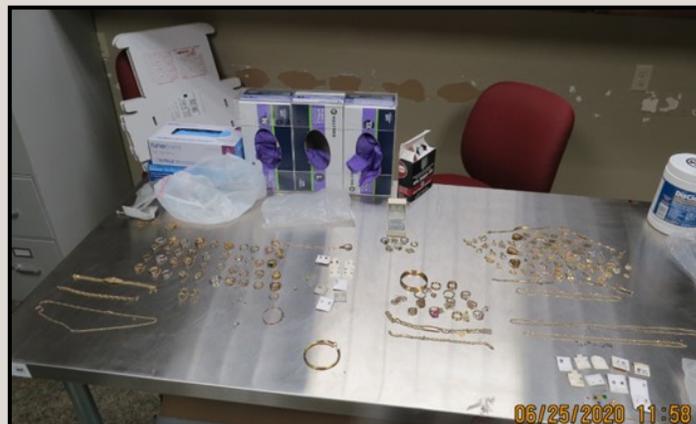
- BENT continued the investigation into the DTO and on June 10, 2020, BENT served additional search warrant(s) for unlawful delivery of a controlled substance within 1000 feet from a school, unlawful possession of fentanyl, and child neglect 1. BENT subsequently seized \$83,048 bulk cash, 7 firearms, and 30.8 grams of fentanyl pills.



Cash, firearms, fentanyl pills seizure



- During the 2nd quarter of 2020 BENT concluded an investigation involving money laundering and EBT fraud. On June 24, 2020 BENT served a search warrant, subsequently seizing \$21,791 in bulk cash, 1.2 lbs of gold jewelry, and 4 handguns.



CLACKAMAS COUNTY INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE

2020 2nd Quarter Activity ~

- ◆ Clackamas County Interagency Task Force (CCITF) investigators received a tip regarding a person dealing drugs from a hotel in Clackamas County. Investigators located the suspect's vehicle in the hotel parking lot and set up surveillance. The suspect got in the vehicle and drove away.

A traffic stop was conducted and investigators seized methamphetamine, heroin, \$5,906 in cash, and a stolen gun, which was tucked under the driver's seat.

Drugs and cash seized from hotel investigation



Photos below depict evidence seized from CCITF/HIT investigation



- ◆ CCITF investigators responded to a drug overdose death investigation at a residence in Clackamas County, at which time investigators also discovered an elaborate Butane Honey Oil (BHO) lab which was associated with an ongoing HIDTA Interdiction Team (HIT) investigation.

CCITF seized 331 lbs. of processed marijuana, approximately 750 marijuana edible candies packaged for sale, \$9,950 in cash, and 3 firearms.



Additional details regarding this case can be found on the next page under the HIT summary.

HIDTA INTERDICTION TEAM

HIT/CCITF investigation continued from page 3: HIT responded to the location where a K-9 alerted to a nearby U-Haul related to the investigation. HIT investigators had knowledge that this organization was laundering large amounts of U.S. currency and cryptocurrency.

CCITF worked alongside with HIT and ultimately wrote a search warrant for the location and the U-Haul. HIT investigators seized evidence related to the marijuana distribution and money laundering. A closer financial investigation revealed passcodes to \$580,000.00 in cryptocurrency seized by HIT.

One week later a secondary location related to the investigation was discovered. HIT investigators wrote a federal search warrant for that location and an additional \$84,650.00 was seized.

This case is currently being prosecuted by the US Attorney's Office - Portland.

◆ During the 2nd quarter of 2020, HIDTA Interdiction Team (HIT) investigators continued working spinoff cases on a long term marijuana and money laundering investigation. All of these cases involve freight being used to ship marijuana across the country and return parcels being mailed with U.S. currency. Multiple tracker and ping warrants have been utilized during these investigations.

During April 2020, investigators observed a freight tractor trailer arrive at a storage unit, then observed the tractor trailer get loaded with a large pallet containing 15 large cardboard boxes.

HIT investigators followed the tractor trailer and had Oregon State Police stop the vehicle. Consent was given to have a K-9 sniff the cargo which resulted in a positive alert to the pallet with 15 large cardboard boxes. During the search, HIT seized the entire pallet. Inside the boxes was a total of 394 kilograms of marijuana bud and 28 kilograms of BHO oil/shatter. Investigation continues.

One of several seizures associated with this case



◆ During the 2nd quarter of 2020, HIT investigators were working criminal narcotics interdiction with a focus on couriers that were using common carrier bus lines to transport narcotics into the Portland Metropolitan area. Investigators learned from a confidential source that a local drug trafficking organization (DTO) had a shipment of narcotics destined to arrive in Portland on a specific day. With the use of consensual encounters and a narcotics K9, the interdiction culminated with the seizure of 6 packages of methamphetamine (total weight of 2,779 grams), 4 packages of heroin (total weight of 394 grams) and \$4,480.00 in U.S. currency.

The courier was released at the time as investigators learned enough additional intelligence during the course of the interdiction to initiate a larger investigation into the group responsible.



Bus interdiction seizure



DOUGLAS INTERAGENCY NARCOTICS TEAM

- ◆ The Douglas Interagency Narcotics Team (DINT) and the DEA Eugene office worked together on a months long investigation into the suspected criminal activities of 33 year old Chelse Lynn Puetz of Oakland, Oregon.

On May 2, 2020, detectives initiated a traffic stop on Puetz on Interstate 5 as she was returning from a trip. A search of Puetz's rental vehicle yielded more than 6 pounds of suspected methamphetamine, and approximately 1/4 pound of heroin.



Puetz

- ◆ On June 14, 2020, detectives with DINT arrested a 34 year old man from Harbor City, California in relation to a large scale drug investigation.

DINT had been conducting an ongoing investigation into the activities of Wesley Gutierrez, who has been traveling to Roseburg, Oregon in recent weeks. Detectives contacted Gutierrez in the 300 block of West Harvard Avenue in Roseburg. A search warrant was executed that revealed a little more than 8 pounds of methamphetamine.

Gutierrez was arrested and lodged at the Douglas County Jail. He is charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine and unlawful delivery of methamphetamine. The investigation is ongoing and more charges are likely.



Gutierrez

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LINN COUNTY INTERAGENCY NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT

◆ During the 2nd quarter of 2020, Linn County Interagency Narcotics Task Force (LINE) investigators have been busy working a mixture of cocaine, methamphetamine and heroin cases.

◆ In October 2019, LINE opened an investigation into an unlicensed illegal medical marijuana dispensary in Millersburg, Oregon. Neighborhood complaints were received that this location was dealing marijuana, butane honey oil (BHO) and marijuana infused edibles to adults and juveniles. Along with marijuana, it was reported that MDMA and LSD were being sold as well.



Cody Plagmann



Amber Plagmann

On June 25, 2020, LINE served a search warrant at the location. As a result of the warrant, 1,416 pounds of illegal marijuana, 605 pieces of marijuana infused edibles, 39.7 pounds of BHO, liquid marijuana filled vaping cartridges, cocaine, psilocybin mushrooms, MDMA and LSD was seized along with 5 firearms and U.S. currency.

Cody Plagmann and Amber Plagmann were arrested for multiple drug crimes and charged with endangering children.

MULTNOMAH CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE DANGEROUS DRUG TEAM

◆ On May 20, 2020, members of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Dangerous Drug Team (MCSO DDT) received information from law enforcement in Vancouver, Washington that Zachary Drazner was heard over jail phone calls discussing a storage building in NE Portland. Drazner was heard asking his father to fly from Texas to Portland and get illegal items out of the building before police discovered it. DDT set up surveillance on the location and prepared a search warrant for the building.

Upon execution of the warrant, approximately one pound of marijuana, one pound of honey oil, \$9,700 U.S. currency, packaging material and a money counter was located. Also found were multiple USPS packages being shipped out of state and received from out of state.

Drazner was shipping amounts of marijuana out of state and receiving cash payments in return. Drazner was also using the building to extract honey oil in an extraction lab. MCSO DDT followed up with a United States Postal Inspector which resulted in a search warrant of a package in Drazner's P.O. box that contained an additional \$7,200 in U.S. currency.



Drazner

IDAHO STATE POLICE - DOMESTIC HIGHWAY ENFORCEMENT

- On May 24, 2020, an Idaho State Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a blue Dodge Ram pickup truck displaying an expired Oregon temporary plate for a traffic violation. During the course of the stop, the Trooper observed multiple indicators of drug use and criminal activity. Assisted by a Kootenai County Sheriff's Deputy and K9, an open air sniff of the vehicle resulted in a positive hit.

Subsequent search of the vehicle revealed 3.5 lbs. of marijuana, 225.5 grams of methamphetamine, \$3,185 U.S. currency, and two handguns.



Marijuana, methamphetamine, and packaging and distribution material seized from Dodge Ram

- On June 1-3, 2020, the ISP DHE team, in support of the Bannock County HIDTA Initiative and in conjunction with ISP Investigations, Bannock County Sheriff's Office, Pocatello Police Department, and Chubbuck Police Department, conducted an interdiction operation centered in Pocatello, Idaho. Over the three-day period, 260 contacts were made, including 14 felony arrests.

On June 23-25, 2020, Idaho State Police DHE conducted a second criminal interdiction operation in the Boise, Idaho area. In participation with Idaho Probation and Parole, Caldwell Police Department, and the Sheriff's Offices of Ada, Canyon, Elmore, and Owyhee counties, they initiated 267 contacts, 38 K9 deployments, 14 felony drug cases, and 3 trafficking cases.

- On June 1, 2020, an Idaho State Trooper, conducted a traffic stop for a traffic violation on a tan 2000 Chevy Tahoe displaying Utah plates in Pocatello, Idaho. During the course of the stop, the Trooper observed indicators of criminal activity, in addition to a positive K9 indication of the presence of drugs in the vehicle.

Upon searching the vehicle, the Trooper uncovered evidence indicative of a large-scale identity theft and fraud scheme.



Fraudulent identification cards, falsified checks and ID

The Trooper located multiple fraudulent identification cards, stolen credit cards, and check-washing paraphernalia. The trooper also located equipment used to produce fraudulent identification and forged documents. The two suspects arrested during the stop, Joseph Gipson and Samantha Wolff, were tied to multiple thefts in the Salt Lake City, Utah area. Collectively, both suspects were charged with: Felony Possession of Methamphetamine, Felony Financial Fraud, Felony Grand Theft, Misdemeanor Misrepresentation of Identification, two counts of Misdemeanor Possession of a Prescription Drug without a Prescription and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

- On June 25, 2020, Idaho State Police Troopers, assisted by Probation and Parole, conducted a traffic stop on a black 2019 Kia Sportage bearing Missouri plates for a traffic violation. Based on occupant admission of possession of controlled substances and paraphernalia, Troopers conducted a probable cause search of the vehicle, locating hash wax and marijuana.

Subsequent detailed search yielded further controlled substances concealed throughout the vehicle, totaling 6.24 lbs. of marijuana, 4 lbs. of hash wax, and 221 packages of THC edibles.



Hash wax wrapped in wax paper in a pizza box, THC edibles, kief-dipped blunts, and bags of marijuana

MEDFORD AREA DRUG AND GANG ENFORCEMENT

2nd Quarter Activity

- In March 2020, MADGE began investigating Daniel Silva-Ledezma for delivering large quantities of methamphetamine in Jackson County.

On April 1, 2020, MADGE made contact with Silva-Ledezma after he attempted to flee from a traffic stop. MADGE investigators seized nine pounds of methamphetamine.

- In April 2020, MADGE began investigating Vanessa Arreola and Horacio Pineda for trafficking large quantities of methamphetamine from Modesto, California to Jackson County.

On April 11, 2020 MADGE contacted both subjects during a vehicle stop. Their vehicle was impounded and a search warrant was served. In the trunk of the vehicle, detectives located 8.90 pounds of methamphetamine. Arreola admitted to transporting the drugs from Modesto. Both subjects were charged with PCS and DCS Methamphetamine and Child Neglect First Degree.



Silva-Ledezma

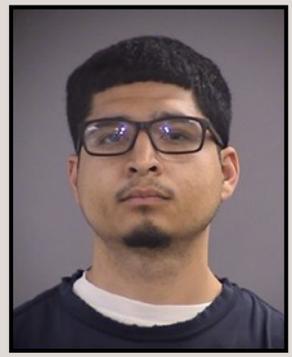


- MADGE was alerted by OSP that a vehicle may be passing through Medford via I-5 with a substantial quantity of drugs.

MADGE detectives were able to locate the vehicle and conduct a traffic stop. They made contact with Alberto Farias who consented to a search of his vehicle. Detectives located 41,106 Oxycodone pills.

- On May 12, 2020 MADGE served a search warrant at a local residence and arrested three subjects; Jeffrey Gordon Cole, Justice Colleen Austin and Joel Daniel Dixon.

At the conclusion of the search warrant 3.84 pounds of methamphetamine, .12 pounds of heroin, 15 Oxycodone and 5 Xanax pills were seized.



Farias Seizure

Farias



Cole



Austin



Dixon



MADGE continued...

- ◆ The Illegal Marijuana Enforcement Team (IMET) began investigating an unlicensed marijuana extraction lab located in Williams, Oregon. On April 22, 2020 IMET with the assistance of the Oregon State Police Marijuana Team, the Josephine County Marijuana Enforcement Team and the Rogue Area Drug Enforcement Team, served two search warrants on the lab located in Williams, Oregon.

Detectives seized 9116.60 pounds of marijuana, 73 grams of BHO, 376.20 pounds of extract, five weapons and \$649. The suspects in this case include James Wykoff, Erick Ogden, and Terry Quinn. This case remains under investigation.

Boxes and bags filled with marijuana

- ◆ IMET initiated an investigation into a possible illegal marijuana processing operation.

The investigation led to executing search warrants at three residential homes in Medford, Oregon on May 1, 2020. It was determined that Zhagang Frisbee was operating an illegal processing operation and she had several employees at each house. Frisbee is the owner of all three residences.

IMET investigators seized 2083 pounds of marijuana and \$35,313. This case remains under investigation.

- ◆ IMET recently investigated a large scale illegal marijuana brokering transaction. IMET made contact with the two suspects - Joshua Guy Haines and his father, David Guy Haines. At that time, IMET seized their vehicle.

A search warrant was executed on the vehicle and \$355,290 was seized along with 1.08 pounds of marijuana. This case remains under investigation.



Seized from Frisbee residence



Frisbee

OREGON STATE POLICE DOMESTIC HIGHWAY ENFORCEMENT

- On Monday, May 3, 2020, Oregon State Police Troopers from the Springfield Area Command and the Roseburg Area Command were dispatched to the report that a vehicle had been struck by gunfire as it traveled northbound on Interstate 5.

Troopers located the vehicle at a rest area in Lane County. A subsequent investigation revealed the driver was experiencing paranoia due to his marijuana use. The driver refused to perform field sobriety tests and he was taken into custody for DUII-Marijuana.

A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed \$29,790 in U.S. currency hidden in a partially full diaper package. The driver, Jose Noe Guijon (age 30) from Woodlake, California was transported and lodged in the Lane County Jail for DUII-Marijuana and Laundering a Monetary Instrument. Troopers were assisted during the investigation by detectives with the OSP HIDTA Interdiction Team.



Cash seized from Guijon

- On Monday, May 11, 2020, an Oregon State Police Trooper from The Dalles Area Command conducted a traffic stop on a Ford Explorer northbound on Hwy 97, near Shaniko, for a speeding violation. During a subsequent consent search, approximately 30 pounds of suspected methamphetamine and a stolen semi-automatic pistol were located concealed in the vehicle.

The driver, Luis Angel Ortega Alcalá (age 28) from Prescott, Washington, was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine, Delivery of Methamphetamine, Manufacture of Methamphetamine, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and Theft I. The passenger, Eliseo Elizondo Vasquez, (age 53) from Pasco, Washington, was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine, Delivery of Methamphetamine, Manufacture of Methamphetamine, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Theft I, and Fugitive From Other State. Both men were lodged at the Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility in The Dalles. Troopers were assisted during the investigation by detectives with the OSP HIDTA Interdiction Team.



Seizure from Ford Explorer



Alcala



Vasquez

- On Friday May 15, 2020, a trooper from the Central Point Area Command conducted a traffic stop on a 2017 Ford F-150 pickup truck for a traffic violation on Interstate 5 near milepost 37 northbound. The trooper deployed a drug detection canine to the vehicle. The K-9 alerted to the odor of a controlled substance and a search of the vehicle revealed \$140,000 concealed in the center console of the vehicle.

The driver was identified as Bo Zhao Tan (age 45) from Alameda, California. Mr. Tan was cited and released from the OSP Central Point Area Command for Laundering a Monetary Instrument.

Troopers were assisted during the investigation by detectives with the OSP HIDTA Interdiction Team and the Department of Homeland Security Investigations-Medford Office.

Cash seized from Bo Zhao Tan



OSP DHE continued...

- On June 2, 2020, a Trooper from the Central Point Area Command stopped a 2014 Nissan Sentra for Unlawful Lane Change and Failure to Drive within Lane, on Interstate 5 near milepost 36 northbound. A consent search of the vehicle revealed approximately 16.3 pounds of suspected heroin concealed in the gas tank.

The driver was identified as Victor Aguilar (age 33) from Outlook, Washington. Mr. Aguilar was lodged at the Jackson County Jail for Unlawful Possession and Delivery of Heroin.

Troopers were assisted during the investigation by detectives with the OSP HIDTA Interdiction Team and the Department of Homeland Security Investigations-Medford Office.



Aguilar heroin seizure

- On June 5, 2020, a Trooper from the Central Point Area Command stopped a 2019 Chevrolet Malibu for exceeding the speed limit on Interstate 5 near milepost 33 northbound. During the traffic stop a consent search was conducted. The search of the vehicle revealed approximately 28.8 pounds of methamphetamine and approximately 5.4 pounds of heroin concealed in natural voids of the vehicle's rear fenders.

The driver was identified as Julian Pineda Casillas (36 years old) from Victorville, California. Mr. Casillas was lodged at the Jackson County Jail for Unlawful Possession and Delivery of Methamphetamine and Heroin. Troopers were assisted during the investigation by detectives with the OSP HIDTA Interdiction Team and the Department of Homeland Security Investigations-Medford Office.



Drugs seized from Pineda Casillas

- On June 11, 2020, an Oregon State Police Trooper from the Central Point Area Command stopped a silver Mercedes sedan for a speed violation on Interstate 5 near milepost 43. During the traffic stop, a probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted. The search resulted in the seizure of 249 grams of cocaine, a 9mm handgun and U.S. currency.



Linares seizure



Linares

The driver, identified as Josue Roberto Linares (age 34), from Salem, Oregon was arrested for Unlawful Possession of Cocaine, Unlawful Delivery of Cocaine, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Linares was lodged in the Jackson County Jail. Troopers were assisted during the investigation by detectives with the OSP HIDTA Interdiction Team.

OSP DHE continued...

- On June 13, 2020, an Oregon State Police Sergeant from the Klamath Falls Area Command stopped a vehicle for traffic violations on Highway 140 westbound at milepost 65. During the traffic stop, a consent search was requested and granted. During the search, \$120,230 in U.S. currency was located in the vehicle.

A post-seizure investigation conducted by OSP HIDTA detectives determined the currency was obtained through criminal activity. The suspect was charged with Laundering a Monetary Instrument.

Troopers were assisted during the investigation by detectives with the OSP HIDTA Interdiction Team.



Cash seized from Klamath Falls stop

- On Wednesday June 24, 2020, a Trooper from the Central Point Area Command stopped a 2020 Chevrolet truck for exceeding the speed limit on Interstate 5 near milepost 34 northbound. The Trooper requested consent to search the vehicle, which was granted by the driver. The Trooper also deployed his narcotics detection K9 and the K9 alerted to the odor of a controlled substance. A search of the vehicle revealed approximately 56 pounds of methamphetamine concealed in the spare tire.

The driver was identified as Esteban Villa (26 years old) from Anaheim, California. Mr. Villa was lodged at the Jackson County Jail for Unlawful Possession and Delivery of Methamphetamine.

Troopers were assisted during the investigation by detectives with the OSP HIDTA Interdiction Team and the Department of Homeland Security Investigations – Medford Office.



Methamphetamine seized from Villa

SPECIAL ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY - IDAHO

- ◆ Benjamin Michael Elgethun, 34, of Boise, was sentenced in U.S. District Court to 72 months in prison for distribution of methamphetamine, U.S. Attorney Bart M. Davis announced today. Chief U.S. District Judge David C. Nye also ordered Elgethun to serve five years of supervised release following his prison sentence. Elgethun pleaded guilty to the charge on January 29, 2020.

According to court records, Elgethun was a methamphetamine dealer in the Boise area between March and June 2019. Law enforcement used a confidential informant to purchase methamphetamine from Elgethun on multiple occasions. A federal grand jury indicted Elgethun on June 13, 2019. A search warrant was later executed on Elgethun's residence where officers found more drugs and a stolen firearm. Elgethun has a lengthy criminal history including a prior conviction for aggravated battery and trafficking in cocaine. At the time he committed this federal offense, Elgethun was on parole.

This case was investigated by the Meridian Police Department, Ada County Sheriff's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This indictment was the result of a joint investigation by the Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). The OCDETF program is a federal multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional task force that supplies supplemental federal funding to federal and state agencies. The principal mission of the OCDETF program is to identify, disrupt and dismantle the most serious drug trafficking, weapons trafficking and money laundering organizations, and those primarily responsible for the nation's illegal drug supply. Program participants include Federal Bureau of Investigation; Drug Enforcement Administration; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations; Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation; and U.S. Marshals Service.

- ◆ Kimber Jac Marston, 44, of Boise, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute more than fifty grams of methamphetamine, U.S. Attorney Bart M. Davis announced today. Marston was indicted by a federal grand jury in Boise on March 12, 2019. Sentencing is set for October 6, 2020, before U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill at the federal courthouse in Boise.

According to court records, while on parole for a state drug conviction, Marston's residence was searched by probation and parole officers with the Idaho Department of Correction. During the search, Marston was found in possession of 323.25 grams of methamphetamine that he admitted he intended to distribute to others. Also in Marston's possession was a digital scale and plastic packaging materials commonly used to weigh and package methamphetamine for distribution.

Marston faces a statutory mandatory minimum sentence of at least ten years and a maximum sentence of life in federal prison, a \$10,000,000 fine, and at least five years of supervised release.

This case was investigated by the Boise Police Department and Idaho Department of Correction.

These cases were prosecuted by the Special Assistant U.S. Attorney hired by the Ada County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, with funds provided by the Oregon-Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). The HIDTA program is a national drug-prohibition enforcement program run by the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy. The Oregon-Idaho HIDTA is a collaboration of local law enforcement drug task forces and prosecuting agencies dedicated to addressing regional drug trafficking organizations. Idaho uses HIDTA funds to investigate and prosecute drug trafficking organizations that operate in and around Ada, Canyon, and Bannock counties.

U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE FUGITIVE TASK FORCE

- ◆ On May 4, 2020, 52 year-old Christopher Lovrien was arrested by members of the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force for the Murder of Mark Dribin.

On July 6, 1999, Mark J. Dribin, a 42 year-old Portland resident, was reported missing. After a search of his residence revealed suspicious circumstances, Dribin, as well as his vehicle, remained missing. Dribin's residence and recovered vehicle were forensically processed and analyzed, by the Portland Police Bureau's Forensic Evidence Division and the Oregon State Police Crime Lab.

The missing person case was reclassified to a homicide and the subsequent investigation garnished DNA evidence, but it was and remained unidentified in the national DNA database - Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

After a lengthy investigation, the case went cold.

In March of 2019, the case was reopened by the Portland Police Bureau's Cold Case Unit and the DNA evidence was submitted for Forensic Genetic Genealogy analysis. Further investigative leads were developed and the Oregon State Police Forensic Services Division continued DNA analysis. The U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force was requested to assist in locating and arresting the suspect.

Due to the ongoing investigative process, no further details will be provided at this time.



Lovrien

- ◆ On June 18, 2020, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office asked for assistance in locating wanted fugitive David Brennan, age 33.

Mr. Brennan was placed on the Top Ten Chronic Offenders list and had multiple outstanding warrants as follows: Failure to Appear (FTA) Felon in Possession of a Firearm, FTA Possession of Methamphetamine, FTA Felon in Possession of a Weapon and PCS Meth, and FTA Felony Driving While Suspended.

Members of the U.S. Marshals Pacific Northwest Violent Offenders Task Force quickly went to work and set up surveillance at the 3400 block of Avenue E, White City, Oregon. An individual positively identified as Mr. Brennan was observed riding a bicycle near the location. Task force members contacted Mr. Brennan who attempted to flee on foot with negative results. He was apprehended without further incident and booked into the Jackson County Jail. Currently awaiting trial.



Brennan

WESTSIDE INTERAGENCY NARCOTICS

- ◆ In April 2020, the Westside Interagency Narcotics team (WIN) and FBI received information that a load car was traveling north on I-5 from California. WIN intercepted the vehicle on it's return to Portland.

WIN located and seized 16.5 lbs. of methamphetamine and over \$4,000.

The methamphetamine and cash were hidden inside locked fire safes. The safes were stored in their original cardboard packaging as if just purchased from a store. The methamphetamine was in ziploc style bags, covered in mentholated rub and wrapped in layers of plastic wrap.

**Methamphetamine and cash seizure
(The powder in the photos is insulation from the walls
of the fire safes)**



OREGON-IDAHO HIDTA TRAINING INITIATIVE

A Training Initiative Update from Oregon-Idaho HIDTA Program Coordinator Ned Walls ~

2020 2nd Quarter -

Due to COVID-19, all Oregon-Idaho HIDTA in-person trainings that were scheduled in 2020 have been cancelled. Ned will continue to email the initiatives each week with a list of the webinar and online trainings flyers that are available.

Reminder: If you are interested in any online/webinar training that is not free, you can submit a request for Training Initiative funding.

During the 2nd quarter, the Training Initiative was able to help sponsor one training with the Western Regional Counter Drug Training Center:

- Cell phone use in Drug Trafficking Investigations, June 29-30.

Other sponsored trainings with the Western Regional Counter Drug Training Center include:

- Detecting Danger on July 8-9, 2020.
- Leadership for Narcotic Officers on August 3, 2020

The Training Initiative also partnered with the Idaho Narcotics Officers Association to bring in their main speaker for the Undercover Techniques and Survival for Narcotic Investigations course on June 22-23.

Training attendance request forms and reimbursement request forms can be found on our website: <http://oridhidta.org> under the training tab.

There is a training request form on the website labeled ***Open Course Attendance Request Form***. Please use this form for single person registrations or for free classes. For free classes with multiple attendees, put their name, email and phone number in the message box.

The ***Form for Multiple Attendee or Out of State*** should be used for requests that involve funding for multiple attendees.

It is the goal of the Training Initiative to bring at least one training to our region for HIDTA members per quarter as well as providing funding assistance for HIDTA members to attend additional narcotics related trainings.

Please contact Ned with any questions or suggestions.

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OREGON-IDAHO HIDTA LAW ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE ACTIVITY

(YTD = End of 2nd Quarter)

	2019	Qtr	2020 YTD
DTO-MLOs Dismantled/Disrupted <i>(Projected - 62)</i>	74	12	25
Cases Opened <i>(Average - 3,052)</i>	3,480	531	1349
Cases Designated RPOT/CPOT	1	0	0
Cases Qualified as OCDEF	9	0	0
Cases Designated PTO	9	0	0
Arrests	2,735	536	1190
Kg of Drugs Seized			
Cocaine	34.4	16.4	56.0
Fentanyl	1.52	3.6	7.5
Heroin	161.2	28.3	89.6
Marijuana	20,661.3	8316.0	9664.8
Methamphetamine	795.4	191.8	393.6
DU of Drugs Seized			
Fentanyl	102,600.0	85.0	3,150.0
Other Illicit Drugs	108.0	0.0	0.0
Assets Seized - Cash	\$10,312,360	\$4,686,033	\$6,419,110
Value of Non-Cash Assets Seized	\$2,615,965	\$93,025	\$230,644
Firearms Seized	757	160	389
Wire Taps	43	34	53
Clan Labs Dismantled	0	1	1

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