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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: May 31, 2013

Complaint Number: NA

Supervisor Approval: Lt Bruce Ivie

Type of Incident: Heroin Drug Trafficking Case

Narrative:

In early 2013, the Kent Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (KANET) began an investigation into the distribution of heroin in the greater Kent County area. During the investigation, Ahmed "Peanut" Green was identified as a large scale heroin trafficker operating in Kent County, MI. Ahmed Green has an extensive criminal history with multiple felony convictions for drug trafficking. The investigation indicated that Ahmed Green and other co-conspirators were travelling to the Detroit area to obtain heroin that was later sold throughout Kent County to other retail dealers and users. KANET contacted the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Grand Rapids Office to assist in the investigation.

The joint investigation conducted by KANET, DEA Grand Rapids, DEA Detroit Group 19 and the United States Attorney's Office (Western District of Michigan) identified Paris Wells as the primary supplier to Ahmed Green in the Detroit area. The investigation revealed that the organization was responsible for the distribution of 14 to 20 kilograms of heroin in Kent County over the previous 18 months.

As a result of the investigation, Ahmed Green, Paris Wells and Markita Choice have been charged in Federal Court by the United States Attorney's Office in Grand Rapids with Conspiracy To Distribute more than One Kilogram of Heroin. In addition, Ahmed Green has been charged with two counts of being an Armed Career Criminal. Five people are facing charges in state court. State charges include Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine, Crack Cocaine, Analogues, Marijuana, Heroin and Felon in Possession of Firearm.

Enforcement Actions conducted during the investigation by KANET, DEA Grand Rapids and DEA Group 19 included four search warrants and two controlled purchases in the greater Detroit area. The search warrants were executed at two residences, one commercial business that was operated as a front for heroin distribution and a bank safe deposit box. One of the residences was found to contain a heroin processing operation including presses and packaging material. In the greater Kent County area seven Search Warrants, two Consent Searches, two Buy/Busts and numerous controlled purchases were also conducted.

To date, approximately 714 grams of heroin, 3 ounces of powder cocaine, 2 ½ ounces of crack cocaine, 1 ½ pounds of marijuana and 150 illegally diverted prescription pills have been recovered. Additionally, 20 vehicles (including one tow truck and two BMW sedans), 8 handguns and approximately \$20,000.00 have also been seized.

The Kent Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (KANET) is comprised of Detectives from the Kent County Sheriff's Department, Grandville Police Department, East Grand Rapids Police Department, Walker Police Department and a Special Agent from the DEA Grand Rapids Office. The federal case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark V. Courtade. The charges in the federal indictments and complaints are merely allegations, the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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