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Operation: Summer Slammer Results in Arrests of 19 Drug Dealers

BUNNELL, Fla. — The Flagler County Sheriff's Office has concluded Operation: Summer Slammer, a sixmonth undercover operation targeting drug dealers throughout Flagler County. The operation resulted in 19 arrests, including 10 during a warrant sweep on July 16. The FCSO is still searching for four offenders.

From January 1 to June 30, the FCSO Special Investigations Unit conducted a series of undercover operations, with controlled buys of over five kilograms of various illegal narcotics. This includes approximately one kilogram of cocaine; 120 grams of methamphetamine; and 60 grams of fentanyl, which is enough to potentially kill 30,000 people.

Operation: Summer Slammer also resulted in the seizures of 13 firearms, five vehicles, and \$22,000 in cash profits.

During the operation, detectives obtained arrest warrants for 24 drug dealers. These offenders had a combined 316 previous arrests.

Those arrested during Operation: Summer Slammer include:

- Kyle Ellis, 27, Bunnell: Two counts of possession of schedule I substance with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver
- Edriel Fernandes, 52, Palm Coast: Possession of cocaine with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver
- Shannon Foster, 47, Bunnell: Sale of methamphetamine

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- Leonard Fries Jr., 50, Ormond Beach: Trafficking in cocaine; possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver; possession of marijuana with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver; two counts of possession of schedule I substance with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver
- Robert Galvin, 48, Bunnell: Two counts of sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a park
- Wanda Hadley, 45, Bunnell: Sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a specified area
- Eric Harrell, 29, Bunnell: Sale of methamphetamine, unlawful use of a two-way communications device
- Eric Hoover, 30, Palm Coast: Possession of cocaine with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver; unlawful use of a two-way communications device
- Russell Laster, 53, Bunnell: Sale of cocaine, unlawful use of a two-way communications device
- Terrence Leeks, 37, Bunnell: Sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a specified area
- Thomas Leto Jr., 53, Palm Coast: Trafficking in fentanyl; trafficking in methamphetamine; sale of methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver; three counts of possession of cocaine; two counts of possession of suboxone; possession of MDMA; possession of hydrocodone; possession of hydromorphone; possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; engaging in criminal offense with weapon (subsequent offense)
- Christopher Love, 33, Altamonte Springs, Florida: Possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver; unlawful use of a two-way communications device
- Heather Noack, 41, Palm Coast: Sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a park
- Khong Siharaj, 43, Palm Coast: Two counts of trafficking in cocaine, two counts of sale of cocaine, sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a park, possession of marijuana (Over 20 grams), four counts of unlawful use of a two-way communications device
- Keith Smith, 51, Daytona Beach, Florida: Sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a park
- Antonio Watson, 34, Bunnell: Sale of synthetic cathinones
- Jennifer Wood, 42, Bunnell: Two counts of sale of methamphetamine, two counts of unlawful use of a two-way communications device
- Derick Zamora, 29, Palm Coast: Sale of oxycodone within 1,000 feet of park, sale of oxycodone within 1,000 feet of a convenience store
- Confidential informant: Sale of methamphetamine

"Another batch of poison peddlers, including dangerous drug traffickers, are off the streets thanks to the hard work of our SIU, SWAT team, PACE Unit, K-9 Unit, patrol deputies, and communications team," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "I commend our team for another successful operation as we work hard to put poison peddlers in the Green Roof Inn."

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Shannon Foster, left, and Jennifer Wood, right, were two of 19 drug dealers arrested by the Flagler County Sheriff's Office as part of Operation: Summer Slammer.

One offender, Brandy Lynn Gochenouer, whom detectives had planned to arrest for selling fentanyl, died of an overdose during the operational period. She was 51.

Four targets are still outstanding:

- Everett Bullard, 63, Bunnell: Sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a park
- Terrance Dudley, 35, Daytona Beach, Florida: Trafficking in fentanyl
- Gaines Smith Jr., 28, Bunnell: Two counts of sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a park
- Logan Wells, 25, Palm Coast: Sale of cocaine, unlawful use of a two-way communications device

"I encourage these remaining poison peddlers to turn themselves in, because they're going to be arrested," Sheriff Staly added. "The only question is how long they want to keep looking over their shoulders."

Anyone with information about the whereabouts of these remaining targets are encouraged to contact the FCSO by calling 386-313-4911, emailing <u>TIPS@flaglersheriff.com</u>, or calling Crime Stoppers at 1-888-277-TIPS (8477).

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