



JOINT NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM “JNET” PRESS RELEASE

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LOCAL FENTANYL DEALER ARRESTED

The poisonous effects of fentanyl continue to have deadly impact on our communities. The Joint Narcotics Enforcement Team (JNET) is committed to identifying and arresting those who facilitate the sale and distribution of poisonous drugs in our community.

In June of 2023, Waylan R. Graves of Oakville, was arrested by the Thurston County Narcotics Task Force (TNT) for selling drugs. A search of Graves' vehicle yielded thousands of blue pills suspected to contain fentanyl, over a quarter pound of methamphetamine, and three firearms. Graves was booked into the Thurston County Jail where he posted \$30,000 bail.

Shortly after posting bail, JNET received information that Graves was continuing to sell illegal drugs. Between July 1, 2023 and September 20, 2023, members of JNET conducted surveillance on Graves as he engaged in apparent drug deals in both Centralia and Chehalis. On Wednesday, September 20, 2023 JNET detectives contacted Graves in Chehalis and arrested him on multiple felony drug charges. Detectives from TNT assisted in the arrest. JNET's patrol service dog, Pip, was deployed on Graves' vehicle and alerted to the presence of controlled substances.

During the subsequent search of Graves's vehicle, JNET detectives located and seized approximately: 4700 blue pills suspected to contain fentanyl, 27 grams of suspected fentanyl powder, 288 grams of methamphetamine, 26 grams of suspected heroin powder, and dozens of Xanax pills.

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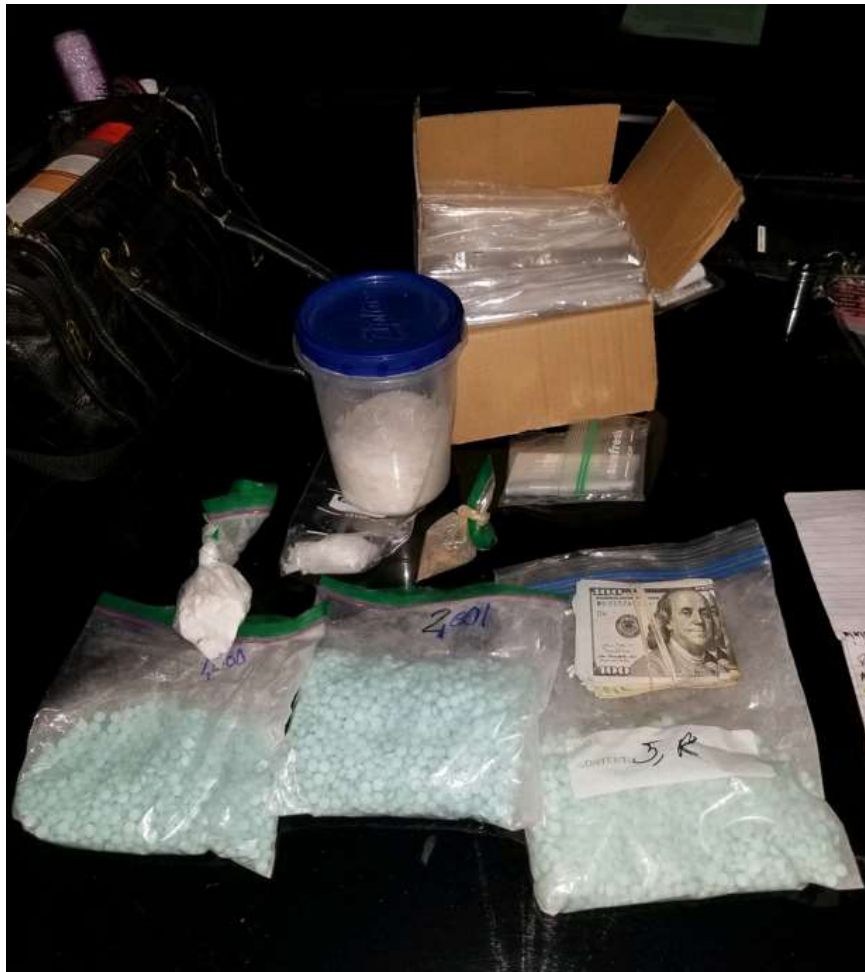
Waylan R. Graves was transported to the Lewis County Jail with the assistance of the Chehalis Police Department and is being held on one (1) million dollars bail for the following charges: Possession with Intent to Deliver - Fentanyl; Possession with Intent to Deliver - Heroin; Possession with Intent to Deliver - Methamphetamine.

This investigation has revealed many local co-conspirators and accomplices. JNET anticipates more arrests in the near future.

This is an ongoing investigation and no other information is being released at this time. Anyone with possible information about this incident is encouraged to call the Centralia Police Department at (360) 330-7680, or Lewis County Communications at (360) 740-1105.

Local resources for substance abuse disorders and recovery can be found through the Recovery Navigator Program at <https://www.grbhaso.org/rnp> or by calling the crisis line – (800) 803-8833.

Information about the dangers of fentanyl can be found at <https://www.dea.gov/factsheets/fentanyl>



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