



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
620 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: 2021 through 2022
Location: Various Locations

Drug Trafficking Investigation Leads to 14 Indictments

Phoenix police detectives have dismantled a drug trafficking operation based in Mexico. The year-long investigation into drug activity has led to the indictments of 14 members of the drug trafficking organization.

The investigation began in 2021 and targeted an international drug trafficking organization responsible for the importation and distribution of large amounts of fentanyl pills and methamphetamine across the Arizona/Mexico border. These drugs were transported to the Phoenix metropolitan area for distribution both locally and nationally.

The Phoenix Police Drug Enforcement Bureau along with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) worked together on the investigation. The Maricopa County Attorney's office obtained a 33-count indictment against the 14, which includes charges related to the distribution of fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine.

As a result of the investigation, detectives seized the following:

- Over 517,000 fentanyl pills
- Approximately 130 pounds of methamphetamine,
- Approximately three ounces of cocaine
- Approximately one ounce of fentanyl powder
- 13 vehicles
- 13 firearms
- Over \$135,000 in cash

In conjunction with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office indictments were obtained on 14 Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) members. A charge of a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

