



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff



MEDIA RELEASE

REGIONAL NARCOTICS UNIT SEIZE CARFENTANIL

September 2, 2016 – Sheriff Jim Neil reports the first sizable seizure of heroin and Carfentanil by Agents of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Regional Narcotics Unit.

On August 26, 2016 RENU Agents working Highway Interdiction stopped a vehicle on north bound I-75 near Mitchell Ave. The driver of the vehicle, Kendall Cunningham age 27, of 433 Ingram Road Cincinnati, Ohio was discovered to be driving under suspension and had five outstanding warrants for his arrest. Agents arrested Cunningham and detected a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle.

Agents conducted a search of the rental vehicle and recovered marijuana, a quantity of cocaine and an unknown substance which was pink in color. Agents also arrested Malik Bowman age 21, of 473 Dew Drop Apt. Forest Park, Ohio who was a passenger in the vehicle. Malik Bowman was charged with Drug Abuse and Trafficking for the Marijuana recovered in the vehicle. Kendall Cunningham was charged with Drug Abuse and Trafficking for the cocaine that was recovered in the vehicle.

The pink substance was submitted directly to the Hamilton County Coroners Lab without a field test due to recent concerns about officer safety when handling unknown controlled substances. Last evening a Chemist with the Hamilton County Coroner's Office notified RENU Agents that the pink substance was in fact Heroin combined with Carfentanil and fentanyl. This new evidence was presented to a Hamilton County Grand Jury for their consideration for additional charges in any indictment against these two defendants.

The amount of heroin and carfentanil seized during this arrest was relatively small, only approximately 28 grams, however it is significant in that the dangers it poses to the heroin users in the Greater Cincinnati Area. It only takes about 2 milligrams of Carfentanil to knock out a 2000 pound elephant. Carfentanil is the most potent opioid used commercially and about 10,000 times stronger than morphine.

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Sheriff Jim Neil is asking for assistance from Heroin users as well as the general public to contact the Regional Narcotics Unit if you have any information about individuals selling Heroin mixed with Carfentanil. This combination of drugs is impacting our community at an alarming rate and we need the assistance of the community. Remember you can call anonymously to RENU at 513-352-3673 Text a tip 513-808-4500 or Email Renu@sheriff.hamilton-co.org.



Kendell Cunningham



Malik Bowman

