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## Press Release

### Sixteen plead not guilty to drugs weapons, and conspiracy charges

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Following more than a dozen interconnected raids stretching from Boston to Carver in the early morning hours, fourteen defendants were arraigned in the Quincy District Court on March 21, 2017.

In sum, the sweep netted more than two kilos of a powder alleged to contain fentanyl, a total of more than a kilo of cocaine (found in smaller amounts at multiple locations) and ten firearms. Roughly \$250,000 in cash, suspected to be associated with the drug distribution enterprise, was seized and held by law enforcement.

The following defendants all pled not guilty to the charges listed after their names:

**Vincent Bonanno**, Warrant St. Randolph, age 27, Trafficking Heroin over 200 grams, Carrying a Firearm without a License, Possessing Firearm without a license, distribution of class B substance, Conspiracy to Violate the Drug Laws. Ordered held on \$200,000 bail, returning to court April 14.

**Octavio Nares**, Chestnut West, Randolph, age 38, Trafficking Heroin over 200 grams, Trafficking Cocaine over 200 grams; Possession of Ammunition without an FID card, Possession to Distribute Class D, Distribution of Class B. Drug, to wit: Oxycodone. \$200,000 bail, returning to court April 12.

**Jeffrey Graham**, Avalon Drive, Quincy, age 35, Distribution of Class B Substance, to wit Oxycodone, Possession to Distribute Class B Substance, Possession of Ammunition without FID card, Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law, Possession Class E. Ordered held on \$10,000 bail. Returning to court April 19.

**Carl H. French**, Fitch Terrace, Randolph, 37, Trafficking in Heroin over 200 grams, trafficking in Fentanyl more than 10 grams, Possession of a Firearm Without an FID card, Money Laundering, Distribution of Class B, three counts of Conspiracy to Violate the Drug Law. Ordered held on \$500,000 bail, returning to court April 14.



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**Felix A. Valdes, Jr.**, Parkway Crescent Drive, Milton, age 46, Trafficking in Fentanyl more than 10 grams, Trafficking in Phenmetrazine more than 200 grams, Possession of a Firearm in a Felony, Drug Violation near a School/Park, Conspiracy to Violate the Drug Law. Ordered held on \$500,000 bail, returning to court April 14.

**Shante M. Green**, Chestnut West, Randolph, age 31, Trafficking Heroin over 200 grams, Trafficking in Cocaine over 200 grams, Possession of ammunition without FID card, Possession to distribute Class D. Ordered held on \$50,000 bail, return to court April 19.

**James P. Laureus**, Curtis Rd., Milton, age 37, Trafficking in Cocaine over 200 grams, Trafficking in Cocaine over 36 grams, Possession to Distribute Class B, Conspiracy to Violate the Drug Law. Ordered held on \$300,000 cash bail, return to court April 14.

**Romeo Andrade**, Sunset Ave, E. Bridgewater, age 35, Conspiracy to Violate the Drug Law. Ordered held on \$30,000 cash bail, return to court April 12.

**William M. Palmer**, Powers Farm Rd., Randolph, AGE 42, Conspiracy to Violate the Drug Law., \$1,000 cash bail, return to court April 19.

**Alex J. French**, Madrid Square, Brockton, age 31, Conspiracy to Violate the Drug Law. Ordered held \$100,000 bail, return to court April 14.

**Tyrone Thompson**, Oak St., East Bridgewater, age 42, Conspiracy to Violate the Drug Law. Ordered \$5,000 bail, return to court April 14.



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**Hashanna R. Williams**, Avalon Drive, Randolph, age 32, Money Laundering, Conspiracy to Violate the Drug Law. Ordered \$10,000 bail, return to court April 14.

**Jeffrey M. Joseph**, Boydin St., Brockton, age 27, Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law. Released on his personal recognizance, due to return April 19.

**Gary E. Elliot**, East Berkley Street, Boston, age 30, Distribution of a Class B. Drug, Possession of a Large Capacity Firearm, Trafficking in Heroin over 200 grams, Carrying a Firearm without a license, Defacing Firearm Serial Number, Ordered held on \$200,000 bail, due to return to court April 14.

Two additional defendants were held for arraignment on March 22, 2017, in the Quincy District Court:

1. Reinaldo Moreno, Stanley Street, New Britain, Conn., age 34, pled not guilty to Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law, Possession to Distribute Class B, Furnishing False Name to Police Officer. He was ordered held on \$10,000 cash bail.
2. Michael Berube, High Street, Carver, age 33, pled not guilty to Conspiracy to Violate the Drug Law. He was released on his personal recognizance

The arrests were the culmination of a six-month investigation initiated by the Randolph Police Department, more than 200 local and federal officers from more than 20 law enforcement agencies spread out across the South Shore and into Boston before sunrise today, visiting 19 residences and seizing large quantities of suspected heroin, fentanyl, cocaine, cash and 10 firearms.



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The morning sweep followed an extensive investigation into a drug-distribution organization operating in the area; nine of the locations raided by police today were in Randolph. RPD was the lead agency, working extensively with South Shore Drug Task Force (Comprised of officers from Randolph, Braintree, Quincy, Weymouth, Milton, and Holbrook), the DEA and Norfolk DA Michael W. Morrissey.

Despite the broad scope of the investigation, the raids – in three counties – were executed without incident, according to Randolph Police Chief William Pace. "This investigation was complex and I commend all agencies that were involved for their professionalism and collaboration in getting these deadly drugs off our streets."

Agencies that supplied officers to execute the warrants were: Randolph, Braintree, Quincy, Weymouth, Milton, Holbrook, DEA, FBI, Canton, Dedham, Millis, Wrentham, Plainville, Foxboro, Norfolk County Sheriff's Department, Plymouth County Sheriff's Department, West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Bridgewater, Carver, Brockton, Hingham, and Boston.

"DEA is committed to investigating and dismantling large-scale poly-drug trafficking organizations like this one operating throughout the South Shore area of Massachusetts," said Special Agent in Charge Michael J. Ferguson.

"Those suffering from the disease of opioid addiction need access to treatment and recovery. Let these arrests serve as an example to those who distribute fentanyl and cocaine in order to profit from addiction and destroy people's lives, that DEA is committed to aggressively peruse and hold you accountable," SAC Ferguson said. "This investigation demonstrates the strength of collaborative law enforcement efforts to intensely go after anyone who traffics these poisons."



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Norfolk District Attorney Morrissey praised Chief Pace and his local and federal partners for undertaking an operation of this scope. "Law enforcement is pushing hard for increased addiction prevention, treatment for addiction and diminishing the demand for these drugs, but it remains vital that we work to close off the supply of poisons that are killing our citizens by the hundreds," District Attorney Morrissey said. "We had more than 170 fatal overdoses in Norfolk County last year – because of the supply of heroin and fentanyl available."

Randolph experienced 9 fatal opiate overdoses in 2015. "Randolph will be safer tonight because of this operation," Chief Pace said. "I thank the Norfolk District Attorney, the DEA, the South Shore Drug Task Force, the collaboration of local law enforcement in neighboring communities and the commitment of Randolph Police Investigators."

*Indictments represent only accusations; all defendants enjoy the Constitutional presumption of innocence unless and until proven guilty.*