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Sheriff Lemma announces arrests of fentanyl, heroin traffickers

Seminole Co. Fla. (November 29, 2018) - A five-month investigation dubbed "Operation Sundown" by the Seminole County Sheriff Office City/County Investigative Bureau (CCIB) has resulted in RICO and heroin trafficking charges against key figures in two organized distribution networks.

"These two groups were distributing approximately 750 baggies of heroin laced with fentanyl every day," said Sheriff Dennis Lemma. "We have saved lives by arresting these traffickers of illicit and deadly opioids."

The following suspects are facing enhanced charges due to their participation in an organized drug trafficking network:

- Joshua Rafael Irizarry Cardona – RICO, Conspiracy to Traffic over 28 Grams of Heroin
- Joshua Quinn Pressley – RICO, Conspiracy to Traffic over 28 Grams of Heroin, Conspiracy to Sell Heroin
- Robinson Figueroa Laboy – RICO, Conspiracy to Traffic over 28 Grams of Heroin, Conspiracy to Sell Heroin
- Cindymary Martinez Rubert – RICO, Conspiracy to Sell Heroin
- Nicholas Bradley Britton – RICO, Conspiracy to Traffic over 14 Grams of Heroin, Conspiracy to Sell Heroin
- James Lee Sellers – RICO, Conspiracy to Traffic over 14 Grams of Heroin, Conspiracy to Sell Heroin

Five other suspects have been arrested and charges are pending against eight other individuals including numerous repeat customers of these organizations. A digital press packet with suspect information and photos can be accessed [here](#).

On November 20, CCIB agents in conjunction with the SCSO SWAT team, Volusia County Sheriff's Office SWAT team, and the Sanford Police Department's Neighborhood Response Unit (NRU), executed search warrants throughout Seminole County. Three firearms were recovered, one stolen out of Cape Coral, two vehicles utilized in drug transactions were seized, along with \$12,645 in cash, a trafficking amount of fentanyl, along with smaller amounts of heroin, cocaine, and marijuana.

CCIB is a multi-agency task force working in conjunction with the State Attorney's Office and comprised of Seminole County Sheriff's deputies, and officers from all seven police departments within Seminole County who investigate vice, narcotics, and organized crime. Sheriff Lemma was joined in the press conference by chiefs of police whose agencies also dedicate officers to CCIB.

54 people in Seminole County have died of drug overdoses in 2018, compared to 34 in all of 2017. "We want to thank all of our law enforcement partners who played vital roles in helping us take down these two heroin and fentanyl trafficking organizations," Sheriff Lemma said. "The opioid crisis is a major challenge, and we are in this fight together."

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