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Coordinated Federal Law Enforcement Operation Targets Firearms and Narcotics Trafficking in Portland Area

PORTLAND, Ore.— The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon announced today the completion of a coordinated, five-week federal law enforcement operation targeting firearms and narcotics trafficking in the Portland metro area.

From August to September 2026, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)—working with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and federal local law enforcement partners—conducted an enforcement operation in the Portland metro area targeting narcotics and firearms trafficking. Using data to identify high-risk locations, agents carried out investigative work, resulting in the seizure of **97 firearms** and a significant quantity of illicit drugs, including methamphetamine, cocaine, crack cocaine, and fentanyl.

Seventeen individuals have been **arrested** to date:

Steven Hatcher	Anthony Connelly	Ryan Grant
Aaron Stauffera	Jeanni Crane	Carlos Ruiz-Perez
Manuel Bernal	Francisco Claudillo-Dimas	Melanee Bybee
Jay Williams Gimbal	Kenneth Hamilton	Michael Hoeft
Reynolds	Makayla Williams	Kristy Roberts
Oscar Yanez	Gus Wayne	Thomas Dingus

"Every gun seized is a life saved. Every gram seized is a life saved. This operation sends a clear message: if you traffic illegal guns or deadly narcotics in our communities, you will be held accountable," said **Scott Bradford, U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon**. "By working closely with our federal and local partners, we removed dangerous firearms and destructive drugs from our streets and put a stop to criminal activity that threatens the safety of every Oregonian. We will continue using every tool available to protect our neighborhoods and ensure those who endanger our community face justice."

"Violent crime is not only a threat to innocent lives but also to our way of life," said **Jonathan Blais, Special Agent in Charge, ATF Seattle Field Division**. "By removing trafficked firearms and dangerous drugs from the streets of Portland, we have made a meaningful difference, most

notably for the residents, students, and visitors to this community. I want to thank our law enforcement and prosecutorial partners who joined us in our mission to reduce violent crime and disrupt both firearms and drug trafficking in this city. ATF remains committed to delivering measurable results and lasting public safety.”

“Drug trafficking and violence go hand in hand, putting innocent lives and entire communities at risk,” said **Robert A. Saccone, Special Agent in Charge, DEA Seattle Field Division**. “DEA is committed to reducing violence in America’s most affected cities. This operation demonstrates what we can accomplish when law enforcement partners unite to take dangerous drugs, firearms, and violent offenders off our streets. Through Fentanyl Free America, DEA will continue working alongside our federal, state, and local partners to disrupt the fentanyl supply chain, reduce its availability, and save American lives.”

The following law enforcement partners participated in this operation:

- U.S. Attorney’s Office
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Marshals Service
- Gresham Police Department
- Portland Police Bureau
- Port of Portland Police Department
- Salem Police Department
- Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office
- Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office
- Multnomah County Parole & Probation Department
- Washington County Sheriff’s Office, Community Violence Reduction Team
- Hillsboro Police Department, Westside Interagency Narcotics Taskforce (WIN)
- Scappoose Police Department

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