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Mexican National Unlawfully Residing in the United States Sentenced to More Than Three Years in Federal Prison for Trafficking Fentanyl

PORTLAND, Ore. — A Mexican national unlawfully residing in the United States was sentenced to 41 months in federal prison and five years of supervised release for possessing more than 1.5 kilograms of fentanyl with intent to distribute, U.S. Attorney Scott E. Bradford announced.

Mario De La Paz Aguilar, 29, a citizen of Mexico living in Portland, is expected to face immigration proceedings and removal from the United States after completing his prison sentence.

"Fentanyl continues to devastate families and communities across Oregon," said **U.S. Attorney Scott E. Bradford**. "Individuals who unlawfully remain in the United States and engage in large-scale drug trafficking will be prosecuted and held accountable for the harm they cause."

According to court documents, on April 24, 2026, Portland Police Bureau officers responded to a report of a disturbance at a residence in Southeast Portland. During the investigation, officers learned Aguilar was involved in fentanyl distribution and obtained information that narcotics were being stored at the residence.

A subsequent search of the residence resulted in the seizure of approximately 1,720 gross grams of fentanyl, including powder and fentanyl packaged in brick form. Investigators also recovered drug-packaging materials, scales, a food-sealing machine, a ledger, a gas mask, multiple bags of mannitol, a substance commonly used as a cutting agent, and approximately $4,000 in cash.

After his arrest, Aguilar admitted the fentanyl belonged to him and acknowledged participating in its distribution. He also told investigators he had traveled to California to obtain narcotics for distribution in Oregon.

Aguilar pleaded guilty Aug. 18, 2026, to possession with intent to distribute fentanyl.

The case was investigated by the Portland Police Bureau and Homeland Security Investigations.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Cassady A. Adams.

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