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Portland Drug Trafficker Pleads Guilty to Possessing More Than Five Kilograms of Cocaine for Distribution

PORTLAND, Ore. — A Portland drug trafficker pleaded guilty to possessing **more than five kilograms of cocaine** with intent to distribute after federal investigators seized large quantities of cocaine, methamphetamine pills, cash and a firearm from a Northwest Portland apartment used to facilitate drug trafficking, U.S. Attorney Scott E. Bradford announced today.

Andres Torres, also known as "Chewy," pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine. The offense carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison and a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, a fine of up to $10 million, and at least five years of supervised release.

"Drug traffickers who distribute large quantities of cocaine and methamphetamine endanger communities throughout Oregon," said **U.S. Attorney Scott E. Bradford**. "This defendant operated a significant drug-trafficking operation from a Portland apartment while storing kilogram quantities of narcotics, tens of thousands of dollars in cash and a loaded firearm. We will continue working with our law enforcement partners to identify, investigate and prosecute those responsible for bringing dangerous drugs into our communities."

According to court documents, investigators with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Clackamas County Interagency Task Force began investigating Torres in November 2025 after receiving information that he was distributing cocaine and counterfeit pills containing methamphetamine in the Portland area. During the investigation, law enforcement conducted surveillance, obtained geolocation data associated with Torres's cellphone and completed a controlled purchase of cocaine.

Investigators determined that Torres regularly traveled between San Diego, California, and Portland, Oregon, where he maintained an apartment in Northwest Portland. Investigators observed a pattern in which Torres would fly to Portland, conduct drug-trafficking activity for several days and then return to California before repeating the cycle weeks later.

On Feb. 27, 2026, investigators executed federal search warrants on Torres and his Northwest Portland apartment. Inside a locked safe, agents discovered approximately 5.5 kilograms of cocaine packaged in five kilogram-sized bricks, an additional 1.4 kilograms of cocaine, approximately 240 grams of counterfeit pills containing methamphetamine, more than $55,000

in cash, a digital scale and drug-packaging materials. Investigators also recovered a loaded revolver.

As part of the plea agreement, Torres agreed to forfeit the proceeds of, and property used to facilitate, the drug-trafficking operation.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Clackamas County Interagency Task Force.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott M. Kerin for the District of Oregon is prosecuting the case.

Torres is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 17, 2027.

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