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#### LCSO/North Florida HIDTA Dismantle Drug Trafficking Organization

During the Summer of 2023, the LCSO Vice and Narcotics Unit and the North Florida HIDTA CADRE Initiative conducted a criminal investigation into Josh Washington III "DUKE", a suspected fentanyl trafficker in Leon County. As the investigation developed, it was determined that Washington was member of a Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) responsible for supplying and selling deadly fentanyl to the citizens of Leon County.

The North Florida HIDTA CADRE Initiative, responsible for dismantling and disrupting DTO's within Leon County and the Big Bend, adopted the investigation and utilized all its resources and investigative efforts to identify those responsible for distributing fentanyl throughout our community.

Law enforcement, to include the North Florida HIDTA CADRE Initiative, LCSO Vice and Narcotics Unit, the Office of State Wide Prosecution, the Leon County Attorney's Office (2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office (North Star Drug Task Force), the Florida Highway Patrol, the Tallahassee Police Department, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement worked tirelessly to dismantle the efforts of this DTO.

On Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, numerous search warrants were executed, resulting in the seizure of large amounts of deadly fentanyl, cutting agent, marijuana, ALPHA (Molly) other illegal narcotics, a stolen firearm, and large amounts of cash as a result of illicit drug activity. Subsequently, Joshua Washington III, Taurean Clark, Jamiel Oliver, Alyssa Cappuccio, Mitchell Wallberg, and Quincy Jones were arrested and charged accordingly.

These individuals face various charges ranging from fentanyl trafficking to conspiracy to traffic fentanyl. It should also be noted that most of the arrested subjects are facing 25-year minimum mandatory sentences. The investigation is still ongoing with additional members of the DTO identified and being investigated.





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**Investigation Results** 

Fentanyl: 1,678 grams Marijuana: 96 grams

ALPHA (Molly): 54 grams U.S. Currency: Approximately \$214,000

Guns: 1 stolen handgun Paraphernalia: Pill Bottle Press







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