

Chicago HIDTA Counternarcotics and Cryptocurrency Task Force (CNCTF) – Lead

Agency (DEA): In October 2024, CNCTF members targeted an online Clearnet website advertising the sale of opiates in support of the ongoing OCDETF investigation Bombay Blues. CNCTF members made several undercover controlled buys from this website and later received packages containing pressed M30 pills delivered to an undercover location in Chicago. The packages sent to Chicago originated from Buffalo, NY. The pressed M30 pills later tested positive for Fentanyl. The CCTF, working together with the United States Postal Inspectors - Chicago (PIRET) and the DEA Buffalo Resident Office, identified the sender of the pressed Fentanyl pills in Buffalo, NY. The DEA Buffalo Office subsequently opened a parallel investigation. Probable cause was established that a storage unit in Buffalo, NY was being utilized by the subject to store illicit narcotics. On January 28, 2025, members of the DEA Chicago CCTF and the DEA Buffalo Resident Office executed a search warrant at the storage unit resulting in the seizure of the following items: 40,000 pressed “M30” Oxycodone pills, 30,000 pressed Oxycontin pills, 60,000 pressed Adderall pills, 468,700 Tramadol pills, 42,000 Hydrocodone pills, 25,400 Percocet pills, 97 pounds of Tapentadol tablets, 61 pounds of alprazolam tablets, 65,000 Carisoprodol pills, 15 pounds of Clonazepam, and 42 pounds of Diazepam.

