

Chicago HIDTA Lake County Special Investigations Group (LCSIG) – Lead Agency

(LCSO): In November of 2024, LCSIG members, in partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF/Chicago) Downers Grove 1 Field Office (DG1) and Bolingbrook Police Department, identified a target with ties to a subsect of the CNG Mexican Cartel. The identified target facilitated the sale of firearms to undercover (UC) ATF Special Agents and Bolingbrook PD UC. On multiple occasions the target offered narcotics for sale to include methamphetamine and cocaine. During a subsequent investigation the ATF DG1 UC and Bolingbrook PD UC were able to make multiple narcotics purchases methamphetamine, and cocaine in (Joliet/IL), as well as purchase of 7 firearms (6 pistols, 1 rifle). While making purchases the target provided the ATG DG1 UC with information regarding a shipment of methamphetamine destined for Illinois. On December 18, 2024, members of ATF DG1, and Bolingbrook PD interdicted a transport semi-truck at a shipping facility in Bolingbrook (IL). Multiple pallets were removed from the truck. The pallets contained multiple concrete paver landscape bricks. During a free air sniff of the semi-trailer, the Bolingbrook PD K9 indicated the presence of narcotics in some of the pallets. Following a subsequent search of 10 pallets Detectives and Special Agents on scene located and seized approximately 459.5 pounds of packaged methamphetamine hidden inside the concrete paver blocks. On December 19, 2024, members of LCSIG and ATF DG1 conducted a search warrant on the targets storage facility in Wheeling (IL). During a subsequent search approximately 5300.5 grams of cannabis and 4826.5 grams of powder cocaine were located and seized inside the storage unit. Also, on December 19, 2024, members of ATF DG1 located the target he was taken into custody without incident. Located and seized during the arrest was one firearm, 527 grams of powder cocaine, and \$10,380.00 in USC. An LCSIG member interviewed the target about his involvement in this case. The target provided additional information that is pertinent to this investigation.

