

Chicago HIDTA Counternarcotics Cryptocurrency Task Force (CNCTF) – Lead Agency (DEA): Since May 2025, CNCTF, along with Chicago HIDTA PIRET (USPIS), SSGTF (FBI), and MLFC (IRS), have been investigating numerous suspicious parcels originating from the greater Rockford, Illinois area and sent to individuals throughout the United States. Multiple parcels associated with this investigation have been seized and found to contain cocaine, M30 pills (suspect fentanyl), and Adderall pills (suspect methamphetamine). The investigation resulted in the identification of a dark web vendor account run by a known drug trafficker residing in Rockford, IL. On August 5, 2025, CNCTF executed federal search warrants at the target's primary residence and his business. The identified Darknet vendor was arrested and detained on an existing state arrest Warrant and was federally charged later that day in the Northern District of Illinois - Western Division, Rockford. Cumulatively, the locations resulted in the seizure of a pill press, 35.9 kg of pressed Adderall tablets (suspect methamphetamine), 11.7 kg cocaine, 8.5 kg of pressed Xanax bars, 3.7 kg of pressed M30s (suspect fentanyl), 3.4 kg Methamphetamine, 1.3 kg mushrooms (psilocybin), 11.7 kg of marijuana, 49.5 kg of THC edibles, and other miscellaneous controlled substances. Approximately \$40,000 in bulk cash and various electronic devices and drug ledgers were seized. Prosecution being coordinated with USAO/NDIL – Western Division.

