

Joint Investigation between local and Massachusetts State Police yields four arrests, 4 kilos of Fentanyl

A joint investigation by federal Homeland Security Investigations, Massachusetts State Police, and Revere Police led to the arrests yesterday of four drug suspects and the seizure of four kilograms of fentanyl.

During the course of the investigation, a purchase of the four kilograms was negotiated with the suspects, at a cost of \$60,000 per kilogram. The fentanyl was to be delivered to the Boston area from another state.

Yesterday, investigators made arrangements for the purchase to be consummated at the Northgate Plaza shopping center on Squire Road in Revere. The four male suspects arrived at the shopping center parking lot yesterday afternoon; once investigators confirmed the fentanyl was in the suspects' possession, State Troopers, HIS-Boston Agents, and Revere Police Officers arrested the four men. The four kilograms, packaged in bricks, were recovered from one of the suspects' vehicles.

Arrested were:

1. GAKI ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ, 44, Woodland Park, N.J., charged with trafficking in fentanyl and conspiracy to violate drug laws;
2. SANDY SUAZO, 42, New Britain, Conn., charged with possession of a Class B narcotic with intent to distribute and conspiracy to violate drug laws;

3. DAVID DIAZ RODRIGUEZ, 46, Fountain Hill, Penn., charged with conspiracy to violate drug laws; and

4. FRANCISCO F. ALVAREZ, 39, New Britain, Conn., charged with conspiracy to violate drug laws.

The suspects were booked at State Police-Revere and held pending arraignment in Chelsea District Court.

The arrests were made by Troopers from the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit for Suffolk County, Troopers from the MSP Division of Homeland Security, Agents from the Boston Field Office of federal Homeland Security Investigations, and Revere Police. The case will be prosecuted by the office of Suffolk District Attorney Rachael Rollins. The accompanying photo shows the four kilos.