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West Central Drug Task Force Takes Down Drug Distribution Ring

Members of the West Central Drug Task Force conducted an extensive 18-month investigation into the large-scale distribution of Fentanyl, Methamphetamine, and other dangerous drugs in our area. The investigation led to the arrest of six people who are now charged in Eau Claire County Court for offenses related to the conspiracy to deliver illegal drugs. Two of those people, Hector A. Jimenez-Sosa and Mario R. Aviles have also been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on charges related to illegal drug delivery.

The other people arrested and charged in Eau Claire County are Pedro A. Delarosa-Munoz, Olaguer J. Renteria, Elena Sosa Ochoa, and Terrence J. Krall. A full list of all Eau Claire County charges is attached.

Investigators received information regarding Jimenez-Sosa and his role in drug distribution in the area of Eau Claire. Investigators uncovered a drug ring that shipped narcotics to various addresses in our region via USPS. Investigators conducted multiple controlled buys of illegal drugs from Jimenez-Sosa and his associates. The street value of the drugs seized during the course of the investigation was approximately \$250,000. This is among the largest Fentanyl distribution networks ever investigated in western Wisconsin. Sadly, the Fentanyl sold by this group has been linked to at least one overdose death in our area.

Many agencies played vital roles in this investigation. The Eau Claire Police Department would like to thank the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Department, the Eau Claire District Attorney's Office, the West Central Drug Task Force and member agencies, the United States Postal Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the United States Attorney's office for their assistance in this investigation.

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