

PRESS RELEASE
KETCHIKAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
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On April 27, 2022, at approximately 12:00 pm, investigators with the Southeast Alaska Cities Against Drugs (SEACAD) taskforce identified a suspicious package being sent to Craig, Alaska which was believed to contain narcotics.

SEACAD Investigators from Ketchikan worked with the Alaska State Troopers on Prince of Wales Island and tracked the package to a residence in Klawock, where they subsequently seized 2,000 fentanyl pills marked as oxycodone and 453 grams of crystal methamphetamine.

Law Enforcement arrested 39-year-old Craig resident Cicely Tupou, 43-year-old Hydaburg resident Shanteh Carle, and 44-year-old Klawock resident Donald Yates on charges of Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree and Third Degree for their part in the trafficking of the seized narcotics. Law Enforcement also arrested 40-year-old Hydaburg resident Alva Peratrovich for a Probation Violation. All four were remanded to the Craig Jail. The estimated street value on Prince of Wales Island for the counterfeit pills is approximately \$200,000 and the estimated street value of the methamphetamine is approximately \$67,900.

SEACAD, Southeast Alaska Cities Against Drugs, is a regional taskforce comprised of municipal police departments from Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka, Haines, Skagway, Petersburg, Hoonah, Wrangell, Craig and Yakutat, the Alaska State Troopers, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Postal Inspection Service, and Coast Guard Investigative Service. Together, they work to investigate drug importation and distribution in the Southeast Alaska region.

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All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.*