

PRESS RELEASE
KETCHIKAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
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The Ketchikan Police Department, in conjunction with SEACAD, has recently concluded two unrelated investigations into the importation and distribution of narcotics into Ketchikan from the state of Washington, resulting in the seizure of large quantities of narcotics and the arrest of multiple defendants.

On 3/11/2022, Jamie Guiberson (35 yoa) of Washington was contacted at the Ketchikan International Airport as she arrived from Seattle. A search warrant was served on her checked luggage, resulting in the seizure of 400 round blue pills marked "M30" which are believed to contain fentanyl, 104.5 grams of a white crystal substance which field tested positive for methamphetamine, and 82.2 grams of a brown substance which field tested positive for heroin. The street value of these drugs in Ketchikan is approximately \$97,000. Further investigation resulted in the arrests of William Van-Sise (29 yoa) and Kendra Bartholomew (31 yoa) of Ketchikan in connection to the drugs seized from Jamie Guiberson, based on evidence that Guiberson traveled to Ketchikan to deliver the drugs to them. William Van-Sise and Kendra Bartholomew were also charged in an ongoing investigation regarding a seizure of 102.5 grams of methamphetamine at the Ketchikan International Airport on 2/11/2022, having a street value in Ketchikan of approximately \$15,300. All three suspects were arrested and booked on multiple felony drug trafficking charges and remanded to the Ketchikan Correctional Center where they were initially held without bail.

On 3/14/2022, Michelle Nelson (34 yoa) of Washington was contacted at the Ketchikan International Airport as she arrived from Seattle. A search warrant was served on her person and belongings, resulting in the discovery of approximately 103.5 grams of a brown substance which field tested positive for heroin, 61.2 grams of a white crystal substance which field tested positive for methamphetamine, and 2.8 grams of a white powdery substance which field tested positive for fentanyl. A further search of her checked luggage resulted in the discovery of 1,017 round blue tablets marked "M 30" believed to contain fentanyl. Further investigation resulted in a search warrant being served on the residence of Angelina McDonald, where officers discovered five M30 pills, several grams of methamphetamine, several psilocybin mushrooms and evidence of drug distribution including a digital cash counter, approximately \$3,000 cash, digital scales, empty baggies and drug paraphernalia. Angelina McDonald was arrested in connection to the drugs seized from Michelle Nelson based on evidence that shows Michelle Nelson traveled to Ketchikan to provide drugs to Angelina McDonald. The street value of the drugs seized in this case is approximately \$152,600. Both suspects were arrested and booked on multiple felony drug charges and remanded to the Ketchikan Correctional Center where they were initially held without bail.

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SEACAD, Southeast Alaska Cities against Drugs, is a regional taskforce comprised of municipal police departments from Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka, Haines, Skagway, Petersburg, Hoonah, Wrangel, 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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