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**KETCHIKAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
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On 12/22/2021 Rachel Peterson (51 YOA of Ketchikan) and Amy Rothlisberger (26 YOA of Washington) were contacted by officers as they arrived in Ketchikan on a flight from Seattle. In furtherance of a drug investigation, multiple search warrants were executed on the persons and belongings of Ms. Peterson and Rothlisberger, and the residence of Ms. Peterson in Ketchikan. The subsequent searches resulted in the seizure of approximately 2,900 blue suspected counterfeit tablets marked "M30" suspected to be fentanyl, 182.7 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 96.2 grams of black tar heroin, as well as approximately \$23,000 in cash. The investigation further showed that Ms. Peterson arranged for herself and Ms. Rothlisberger to travel to Ketchikan with the narcotics.

The drugs seized in this investigation have a street value of approximately \$221,655 in Ketchikan.

Ms. Peterson was arrested for two counts of Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree for possession with intent to distribute fentanyl and heroin, and Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree for possession of Methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

Ms. Rothlisberger was arrested for Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree for possession with intent to distribute heroin and Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Both subjects were transported to the Ketchikan Correctional Center where they were booked accordingly and held without bail.

The Ketchikan Police Department and the Alaska State Troopers in conjunction with the Southeast Alaska Cities Against Drugs (SEACAD) were assisted in this investigation by the Ketchikan International Airport Police and the Port of Seattle Police.

**\*\*\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*\*\***

On 12/30/2021, as a result of continuing investigation in this case, Tony L. Teal (38 YOA of Ketchikan) was contacted during a traffic stop and a search warrant was executed on his person. Mr. Teal was found to be in possession of 5 suspected fentanyl pills and \$1,191 cash. Additional search warrants were served on Mr. Teal's residence, resulting in the seizure of approximately \$20,000 cash and an AR patterned rifle with a barrel less than 16" in length.

Mr. Teal was arrested and charged with two counts of Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree and one count of Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance

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in the Third Degree, as a conspirator in this case. These charges are connected to the drug seizure that occurred at the Ketchikan International Airport on 12/22/2021. He was transported to the Ketchikan Correctional Center and initially held without bail.

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