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Six Month Investigation Closes Known Drug Houses and Results In Seven Arrests

El Mirage, Arizona – Thursday, June 11, 2020 – Officers from the El Mirage Police Department concluded a six-month narcotics investigation yesterday after serving search warrants on two drug houses and a vehicle. Narcotics, money, and weapons were seized. Seven suspects were arrested and charged with sale of narcotic drugs, money laundering, and control of an illegal enterprise.

Last January, El Mirage officers analyzed arrest reports and intelligence regarding drug activity at a home in the 12100 block of Dreyfus in El Mirage. That led to the discovery of several drug dealers operating there, and another home a few blocks away being used for drug sales.

During the investigation, El Mirage officers identified several suspects working together as part of an illegal enterprise. They made numerous arrests, authored search warrants, and interviewed buyers of illegal drugs being sold from both homes.

Yesterday, El Mirage officers, with assistance of SWAT teams from the Surprise and Goodyear police departments, served search warrants at both homes, which also led officers to serve a third related search warrant near the 12900 block of Hearn Road later in the day. The search warrants resulted in the seizure of 2,248 fentanyl pills (street value \$11,240), \$14,892 in U.S. currency, small quantities of methamphetamine, marijuana and various firearms to include an AR15.

El Mirage Police Chief Paul Marzocca said, “This illegal enterprise is responsible for flooding the streets of El Mirage with fentanyl. The quantity of drugs, the amount of drug proceeds, and the firearms my officers seized yesterday is significant, and my officers dismantled an organization capable of bringing great harm to our community. I want to thank the Surprise Police Department and the Goodyear Police Department for bringing considerable resources to this investigation. Our city is grateful to these professional organizations.”

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