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PRESS RELEASE: Fentanyl Pill Distribution Arrests, 5.3.17

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The Franklin County Drug Task Force (FCDTF) has been conducting an investigation into the distribution of fentanyl pills by a group of individuals in the Chambersburg area. Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid analgesic that is similar to morphine, but is 50 to 100 times more potent than heroin. Fentanyl is a Schedule II controlled substance and is typically used to treat patients with severe pain or manage pain post-surgery. Fentanyl can be inadvertently inhaled or absorbed through the skin from contact with the substance and can occur during seizures by law enforcement officers. The presence of fentanyl in heroin is on the rise leading to an increase in overdoses and deaths. Fentanyl is also being pressed into pill form and illegally sold as legitimate narcotic pills.

On May 3, 2017, the Franklin County Drug Task Force (FCDTF), the PA State Police, Chambersburg Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation's Capital City Safe Streets Task Force executed search warrants at two locations in Franklin County. A search warrant was executed at 214 College Avenue in Chambersburg Borough and at 1487 State Street, Greene Township.

At 214 College Avenue evidence of the distribution of narcotic pills was found. Over 250 suspected fentanyl pills were found in the home. A sum of U.S. currency was seized along with dozens of yet to be identified pills not in their proper packaging. Additionally, two handguns were seized from the residence. Mike Wood and Cindy Jo Wood were arrested and charged with one count of Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance. They were arraigned by MDJ Manns and jailed on \$300,000 bail.

At 1487 State Street, evidence of the distribution of narcotic pills was found. Over 550 suspected fentanyl pills were seized from the home. Packaging used to bag the pills for resale was located. Two handguns were seized from the home. Other yet to be identified pills were also recovered in the house. Justin Chandler and Stephanie Holtry were arrested and charged with one count of Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance. They were arraigned by MDJ Williams and jailed on \$500,000 bail.

The investigation is continuing and future arrests are anticipated.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation or other drug activity occurring within Franklin County is asked to contact the Franklin County Drug Task Force at 1-800-344-3127 or by email at tips@drugtaskforce.org. Anonymous tips may also be submitted through our website: www.drugtaskforce.org. All information provided is confidential and callers may remain anonymous if they wish.

**NOTE: The defendants are accused of the above offenses, and readers are reminded that all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*