### DANE COUNTY NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

#### 2017 SUMMARY

The Dane County Narcotics Task Force (DCNTF) is comprised of women and men from the City of Madison Police Department, Dane County Sheriff's Department, and the University of Wisconsin Police Department. Additionally, all Law Enforcement agencies in Dane County have the authority to send personnel to work with the DCNTF on shorter assignments as their own staffing allows. The mission of the DCNTF is to disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking organizations within the Dane County area. The DCNTF also partners with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in an effort to combat larger drug trafficking organizations.

In 2017, the DCNTF saw three distinct trends that impacted our operational goals. First and foremost, the ongoing Opioid crisis has become a public health epidemic at both the local and national level. An increase in Synthetic Opioids and their derivatives in the local "Heroin" supply have exacerbated the already troubling overdose numbers.

The statistical summary on the following pages differentiates Heroin from the most common synthetic "Fentanyl". What those statistics don't reflect is the frequency at which the Heroin seized since the start of 2017 is a mixture of substances to include Fentanyl. This is important to note because Fentanyl and its synthetic derivatives are typically 20 to 40 times more potent than Heroin. These synthetics are also much cheaper to produce than traditional Heroin. The end result is that a drug that is more deadly and more profitable has become widespread in Dane County.

The second trend impacting our unit has been that of illegal firearm possession by the local drug traffickers. The record setting number of homicides in the City of Madison in 2017 was well documented. The vast majority of these were gun related with a nexus to illegal drug distribution. Additionally, a rise in non-homicide shootings was also noted. Again, the vast majority of these were drug related. Residential home invasions and armed robberies are also typically connected with the sale and distribution of illegal drugs. Over the last three years the firearm seizures by the DCNTF has increased from 17 (2015), to 37 (2016) and reaching 47 in 2017.

The third trend, and a growing priority for the Dane County Narcotics Task Force, is the nexus of human trafficking within drug trafficking organizations. In recent years, there has been a growing recognition that human trafficking is an underreported yet growing trend both locally and nationally. The DCNTF is committed to working with local Law Enforcement partners on cases where there is a connection between drug and human trafficking.

While enforcement is the primary mission of the DCNTF, the unit is also responsive to Community and Media requests for information pertaining to local drug enforcement and drug education trends. The DCNTF is also an active participant in the "Stop the Opioid Epidemic" steering committee, which is comprised of a wide range of non-law enforcement community stakeholders that are working collectively to curb the Opioid crisis. In recent years, this organization has been responsible for initiatives including: Med drop locations/collections, Naloxone dispersal, and arrest diversion programs such as the Madison Addiction Recovery Initiative (MARI).

While enforcement is a critical component of combating illegal drugs and the correlating criminal activity, we recognize that this is only one part of the community effort that is necessary to reduce drug trafficking and drug dependency. We will continue to partner with those both inside and outside of Law Enforcement as we combat these trends.

The following pages highlight the actions of the DCNTF in 2017.



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## JANUARY to DECEMBER 2017

Total All Arrests109	
Total All Charges314	
Total New Cases66	
<u>Charges</u> (includes Late & Pending Charges) Misc. Criminal/Ordinances 22	
P & P Holds	8
Weapons Charges16 Federal Felon in Possession of Firearm Conceal Carry	13
Possession of Paraphernalia  Maintaining a Dwelling  Possession of Marijuana  Possession of Cocaine Base  Possession of Heroin  Possession of Psilocybin Mushrooms  Possession of Methamphetamine  Possession of Schedule I Narcotics  Possession of Cocaine Base w/Intent to Deliver  Possession of Cocaine With Intent to Deliver  Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Deliver  Possession of Synthetic Marijuana w/Intent  Possession of Heroin with Intent to Deliver  Possession of Methamphetamine W/I to Deliver  Possession of Moma with Intent to Deliver  Possession of Cocaine Base  Delivery of Cocaine Base  Delivery of Cocaine Base  Delivery of Marijuana  Delivery of Methamphetamine  Delivery of Methamphetamine  Delivery of Schedule I / II Narcotics  Delivery of Counterfeit Substance  Delivery of Counterfeit Substance  Delivery of Designer Prugg.	16723161121011271011511
Delivery of Designer DrugsPrescription Violation	

Items Seized  105.32 grams Cocaine Base	\$211,980.00 \$101,857.83 \$350,000.00 \$8,500.00 \$1,268.03 \$103,140.00 \$600.00 \$50.00 \$2,340.00 \$200.00 \$200.00 \$300.00 \$300.00	
Drugs Purchased82.80 grams Cocaine Base321.50 grams Cocaine35.10 grams Marijuana137.13 grams Heroin211.20 grams Synthetic Marijuana1.00 grams Fentanyl1.60 grams Amphetamine29.20 grams Ecstasy/MDMA61.00 grams Methamphetamine5.00 Miscellaneous Drugs/OtherSearch Warrants50K-9 Searches - Drug Related.13Vehicle2ACT 791Residence9Package1		

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