

COLUMBIA RIVER DRUG TASK FORCE

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The Columbia River Drug Task Force reports a joint operation with Homeland Security Investigations, started in March of 2022, has resulted in disrupting and dismantling a drug trafficking organization in the Wenatchee Valley that has ties to Arizona. Three suspects have been arrested so far in the investigation. Tyson Horner, a 27 year old resident of Wenatchee , Nabiel Akhdary, a 44 year old resident of Phoenix, AZ and Brandon Lux, a 35 year old resident of Yakima have been arrested in connection of seizures of close to 10,000 Fentanyl pills, 2.5 pounds of methamphetamine, 2 pistols, and over \$16,000 in cash. At least 3 other suspects involved in the drug trafficking organization are in the process of being tracked down for charges related to possession for illegal narcotics with the intent to deliver.

Horner and Akhdary were Federally indicted in US District Court, Eastern District of Washington in Spokane, WA for Fentanyl distribution charges. Akhdary and Lux were both in possession of a loaded pistol when they were arrested and both subjects are convicted felons. The Columbia River Drug Task Force works closely with our Federal partners, with Homeland Security Investigations, and both local and federal prosecutors to investigate, arrest, and convict Fentanyl dealers in the Wenatchee Valley. As Fentanyl overdoses continue to climb both locally and nationally, CRDTF, our local prosecutor's offices, and our local HSI office are committed to holding these drug dealers accountable and ridding this poison from our community.

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