



COLUMBIA RIVER DRUG TASK FORCE

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UPDATE

On 3/20/2024, Columbia River Drug Task Force detectives received a call from Pierce County Deputies advising they knew the location of Linhui Yan who was wanted on charges in Chelan County related to a human trafficking investigation. Detectives arranged to have Pierce County Deputies arrest Yan. Once he was placed into custody, CRDTF Detectives traveled over to Pierce County, took custody of Yan, transported him back to Chelan County where he was booked into jail to face his charges.

Detectives were recently notified Yan had returned to the country. At that time, Yan was arrested as he re-entered the United States and booked into the King County Jail. However, he was released from the King County Jail before Chelan County had a chance to transport him back.

Detectives don't have reason to believe Yan's wife, (Yan Yang) has returned to the United States, and an arrest warrant still remains for her arrest.

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03-01-2023 Press Release

The Columbia River Drug Task Force reports a long-term human trafficking investigation that has resulted in the service of five search warrants at various locations across the state. In 2022, CRDTF detectives were made aware of two local massage parlors which were a front for prostitution. Over the course of the investigation, two suspects were identified as a part of this human trafficking organization and warrants were issued for their arrest. The charges include: leading organized crime, promoting prostitution, and money laundering. These individuals have been identified as 60-year-old Linhui Yan and 43-year-old Yan Yang out of Tacoma.

On 03-01-2023, CRDTF detectives led a joint operation involving the Chelan County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Wenatchee Police Department, East Wenatchee Police Department, Pierce County Sheriff's Department, Kennewick Police Department, South Sound Gang Task Force, Department of Corrections, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Homeland Security.



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Search warrants were served at the following locations: 400 block of North Mission Street in Wenatchee, 300 block of North Chelan Ave in Wenatchee, 6200 block of Clearwater in Kennewick, 3600 block of Tyler Street in Tacoma, and 2000 block of 1022nd Street in Tacoma.