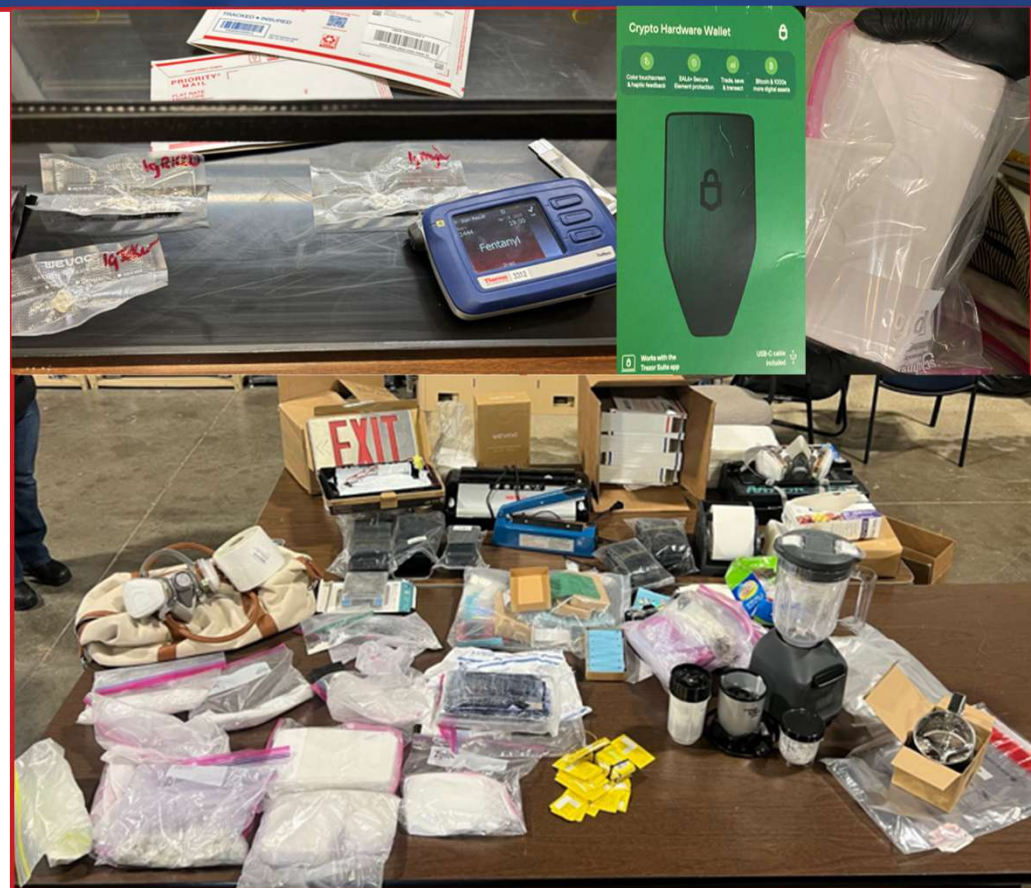




# ★ NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU ★ **COUNTERDRUG**

## PA Counterdrug Assists with HSI Fentanyl Seizure – Operation Shardnazi

- Joint operation with HSI Cyber Crimes Investigations Task Force (C2iTF), Philadelphia US Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), Pennsylvania State Police, and PA Office of Attorney General Bureau of Narcotics Investigations.
- PA CJTF analyst supported HSI C2iTF with darknet checks on specific monikers utilized by target, background checks, toll analysis, and cryptocurrency tracing.
- In March 2025, USPIS Cleveland, Ohio contacted USPIS Philadelphia where they shared that fentanyl is being sold on the darknet and shipped to Ohio by a vendor from Philadelphia. One of the shipments resulted in a fatal OD. HSI C2iTF was made aware that a former person of interest was involved in selling fentanyl on the darknet. The now target of the investigation was observed shipping 28 packages to various recipients utilizing USPS.
- PA CJTF analyst confirmed the target, was involved in darknet operations under the moniker mentioned and was utilizing a darknet forum, Dread, to post that he's "giving samples" to new customers. Additionally, the analyst confirmed the target's residence information, as well as the vehicle information utilized to transport narcotics for shipment.
- Federal search warrants were initiated and as a result the target was arrested, 4.48 kilograms of bulk Fentanyl, 0.08766401 Bitcoin, 5 laptops, 2 tablets, 4 cellphones, 7 storage devices, 2 Trezor wallet safes, and a 2021 Audi Q5 were seized. Additionally, the 28 mail parcels each contained approximately 14 grams of Fentanyl, resulting in an addition 392 grams of seized Fentanyl. Case agents are currently working with Robinhood (a finance and stock/crypto trading app) to seize over \$100,000 in cryptocurrency.



March 14, 2025	March 16, 2025	March 18, 2025	March 19, 2025	March 20, 2025
USPIS Cleveland, Ohio conducted a Knock and Talk interview. Fentanyl was coming from Philadelphia via darknet purchases	Meeting with HSI C2iTF, USPIS Ohio and USPIS Philadelphia. USPIS Ohio disclosed that one of the fentanyl purchases from sender resulted in fatal OD	Surveillance started on Philadelphia target	28 USPS Flat Rate Priority Envelopes were seized – tested for fentanyl	Federal search and arrest warrant was executed at target residence