



City of Fond du Lac Police Department Lake Winnebago Area MEG – Drug Unit



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Fond du Lac Police, Wisconsin Department of Justice and Lake Winnebago Area MEG – Drug Unit Announce Arrests in Two Large Scale Drug Trafficking Operations Including 3.5 lbs. of Methamphetamine

Fond du Lac, Wis. -- City of Fond du Lac Police Chief William Lamb, Wisconsin Department of Justice and the Lake Winnebago Area MEG –Drug Unit are announcing arrests in two large scale drug trafficking operations that were actively supplying methamphetamine, heroin, crack cocaine, and marijuana in the greater Fond du Lac area.

Case One

On February 05, 2020, Task Force Officers of the Fond du Lac Police Department Street Crimes Unit and Lake Winnebago Area MEG – Drug Unit concluded a month’s long investigation into the trafficking of heroin and crack cocaine that was supplied from the Detroit, Michigan area to Fond du Lac. On that date, the investigating officers learned that a new supply of heroin was on its way from Detroit to Fond du Lac. Officers conducted surveillance and intercepted a vehicle believed to be containing the drug supply in the 200 block of Linden Street in the City of Fond du Lac. Officers took two suspects into custody, and after searching the vehicle they recovered more than **1/3 pound of heroin**, approximately **1/2 pound of crack cocaine** and a small quantity of **marijuana**. Both suspects were arrested on felony drug trafficking charges. This seizure of heroin is the single largest seizure ever in the City of Fond du Lac. The combined street value of the heroin and the crack that was seized is estimated to be \$71,000.

Case Two

As previously shared, on October 24, 2019, Task Force Officers of the Fond du Lac Police Department Street and Lake Winnebago Area MEG – Drug Unit executed search

warrants at three different apartments located at 880 Martin Avenue #3, 868 Martin Avenue #3, and 387 Hawthorne Drive. During the search of one of those apartments more than ½ pound of methamphetamine was recovered. Felony arrests were made related to that seizure of methamphetamine. However, in a continuation of that drug trafficking investigation, officers identified that a large shipment of methamphetamine was enroute from the State of Mississippi to the City of Fond du Lac on February 19, 2020. Task Force Officers of the Fond du Lac Police Department Street Crimes Unit and Lake Winnebago Area MEG – Drug Unit, assisted by members of the Fond du Lac County Sheriff’s Office, surveilled Interstate US41 and located the suspect vehicle. The vehicle was stopped on US41 in the vicinity of US151. Upon searching the vehicle officers discovered approximately **3.25 pounds of methamphetamine** and a loaded **handgun**. One of the suspects, the target of the investigation, was arrested and taken into custody for felony drug trafficking and weapon charges. The street value of the methamphetamine that was seized is estimated to be approximately \$148,000. This seizure is the single largest amount of methamphetamine ever seized in the City of Fond du Lac.

Additional details about both cases will be provided with the issuance of criminal complaints and through subsequent legal proceedings.

“We are fiercely committed to aggressively and intensively investigating and shutting down drug trafficking operations in the City of Fond du Lac. As I’ve repeatedly publicly stated, any person that thinks that trafficking illegal drugs on our city’s streets is a wise idea is sorely mistaken. Our officers, working in close cooperation with our area law enforcement partner agencies, continue to very effectively dismantle large-scale drug trafficking operations in the greater Fond du Lac area and arrest those individuals involved in them. Our message to those that continue to operate drug trafficking rings in our city and participate in this deadly and illegal activity remains consistent – if we have not caught up with you yet, it is just a matter of time before we do. You will be caught, arrested, prosecuted and sent to prison.” Chief William Lamb, City of Fond du Lac Police Department

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