

Fentanyl bust takes thousands of deadly doses off streets

A drug arrest conducted in Marion on Sunday took substantial amounts of fentanyl off the streets. According to a news release issued by the Marion Police Department, approximately 120 grams of fentanyl were seized:

On April 3, 2022, law enforcement officers from the Marion City Police Department and the Marion County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant obtained through Judge Teresa Ballinger for a residence in the 500 block of Delaware Avenue, Marion, after an investigation by detectives from the METRICH-MARMET Drug Task Force.



Detectives seized approximately 120 grams of fentanyl, \$7800 cash, and a stolen handgun. According to DEA.gov, this amount of fentanyl is enough to cause 60,000 deadly overdoses.

Kevin Guzman, 25, of Columbus, was arrested and charged with Trafficking in a Fentanyl-Related Compound.

This case will be forwarded to Marion County Prosecutor Ray Grogan for the filing of formal charges.

Marion Police Jay McDonald stated, "This is again a large seizure of a deadly drug that pollutes our community and steals the lives from the citizens we serve." Chief McDonald added, "With the Teamwork of the Officers and Deputies alongside the community, we are making an IMPACT." "I want to thank the officers and detectives involved in this investigation," said Marion Police Chief Jay McDonald.

Marion County Sheriff Matt Bayles said, "I am proud of the work and dedication of the METRICH-MARMET Task Force, Deputies, and Officers of Marion County along with the assistance from our community." Bayles added, "I believe that this seizure alone saved several lives, and we will not stop our efforts to combat this problem."

The METRICH-MARMET Drug Task Force is made up of members of the Marion City Police Department, Marion County Sheriff's Office, and the Marion County Prosecutors Office. Marion County citizens are encouraged to call in crime tips involving criminal activity to 740-375-TIPS (8477) or online at mariontips.org. Tipsters may remain anonymous if they choose.

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