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## **Attorney General Frosh Announces Indictments of Individuals Operating Criminal Enterprise in Multiple Counties** *Attorney General Charges Six Individuals for Roles in a Conspiracy to Distribute Large Amounts of Fentanyl*

**BALTIMORE, MD (September 29, 2022)** – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced the indictments of six defendants for multiple charges including Participation in a Criminal Organization, Conspiracy to Distribute CDS, Possession with Intent to Distribute, and firearm-related counts. He also announced the seizure of a large quantity of fentanyl and handguns. The defendants are 28-year-old Jawan Fulton, of Pikesville; 36-year-old Darvin McCoy of Odenton; 27-year-old Maleik Moody; 23-year-old Trayvon Guest; 34-year-old Rymek Milligan; and 23-year-old Trezjure Fielding, of Baltimore.

An investigation led by the Organized Crime Unit of the Attorney General's Office, Howard County Police Department, and the Strike Force 7 Group led by the Maryland State Police revealed that at least as early as September 2021 through June 2022, Jawan Fulton and Darvin McCoy were directing an operation to distribute large amounts of fentanyl in Baltimore City, Howard County, and Baltimore County. Investigators witnessed Fulton and McCoy supply controlled dangerous substances to multiple re-distributors who then sold the drugs to customers.

Those re-distributors include Maleik Moody, Rymek Milligan, and Trayvon Guest. During the course of the investigation, detectives observed hundreds of hand-to-hand drug transactions in multiple jurisdictions and intercepted communications that confirmed the distribution of large amounts of fentanyl throughout Maryland.



Investigators linked fentanyl supplied by members of the operation to several overdoses in Maryland and surrounding areas. In addition to seizing more than two kilograms of fentanyl, the investigation resulted in the seizure of six handguns.

“These individuals operated a sophisticated criminal operation selling fentanyl in multiple counties,” said Attorney General Frosh. “Fentanyl has quickly become more and more prevalent in our communities, and we know that the deadly fentanyl these individuals peddled led to several overdoses in Maryland. We continue to work with our law enforcement partners to shut down these violent organizations and help end the destruction caused by addiction and overdose.”

“Howard County continues to be a community with very low crime rates, but no place is immune to the opioid crisis,” said Howard County Executive Calvin Ball. “People are living with addiction and dying from overdoses in our neighborhoods and throughout the state of Maryland. These teams of detectives worked together to take down a drug organization that was plaguing our streets. Their tireless work and dedication led to these important indictments, which will have a significant impact in our communities.”

“This case is an outstanding example of how collaboration among agencies can have an impactful and lasting effect on our communities,” said Police Chief Gregory Der. “In Howard County, police respond to every suspected drug overdose, fatal and non-fatal. One of those incidents led to an uncover investigation that resulted in these six indictments. As long as fentanyl and other dangerous drugs plague our communities, we will continue to root out those people responsible for bringing them into our county.”

“I applaud the outstanding investigative work and multi-jurisdictional focus of local, state and federal law enforcement officials working together and sharing resources to dismantle drug dealing operations,” said Maryland State Police Superintendent Colonel Woodrow W. Jones III. “Maryland State Police criminal investigators will continue to focus on criminal enterprises like this, especially when heroin, fentanyl and other dangerous drugs are involved.”

A criminal indictment is merely an accusation of wrongdoing, and a defendant is presumed innocent until the State proves the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. The defendants’ will be prosecuted in Howard County Circuit Court.

In making today’s announcement, Attorney General Frosh thanked Organized Crime Chief Katie Dorian, Assistant Attorney General Paul Halliday, Assistant Attorney General Krystle Sanders, and Assistant Attorney General Shannon Price. Attorney General Frosh also thanked the members of the Strike Force 7 Group, the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Department, Maryland State Police, the Baltimore City Police Department, State’s Attorney for Baltimore County, Scott Shellenberger, and State’s Attorney for Howard County, Rich H. Gibson, Jr., for their assistance in this investigation.

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