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Early Morning CPD SWAT Team Makes Arrest at Suspected Drug “Stash House”

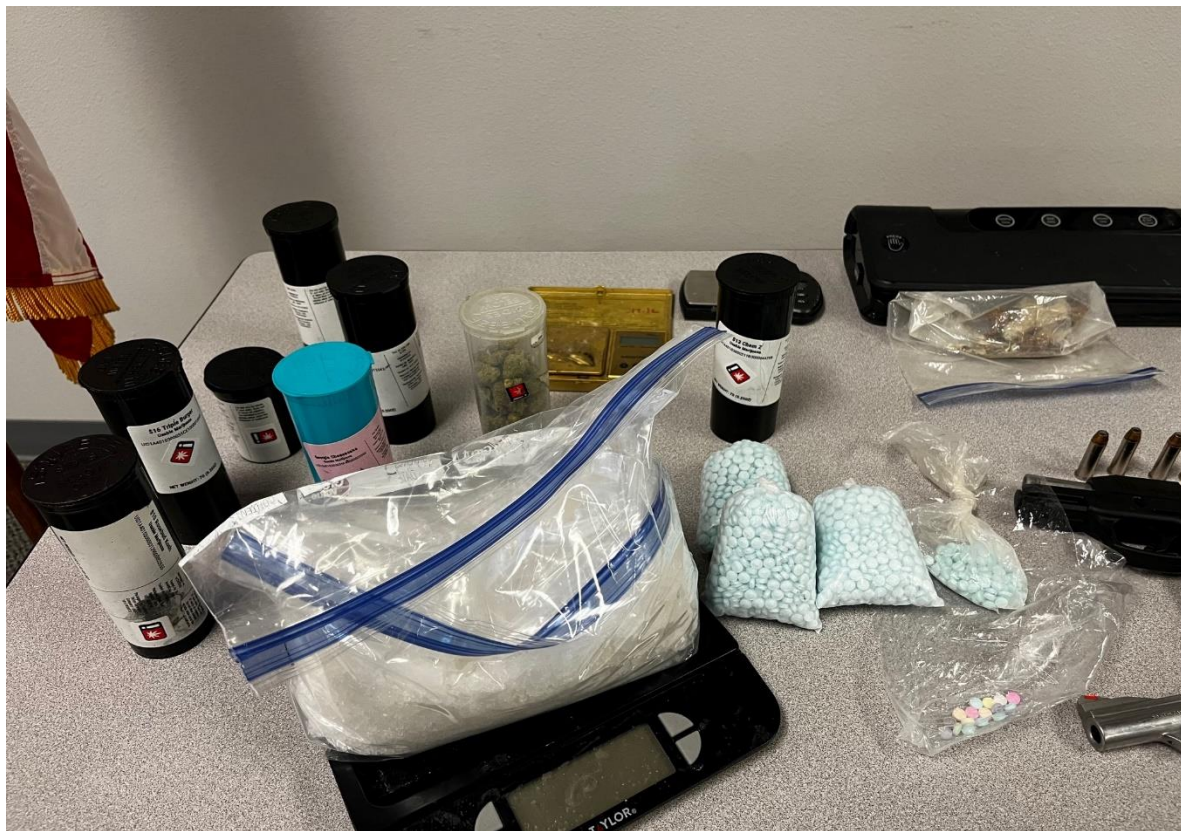
Early this morning, the Caldwell Police Department’s Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team served a search warrant at a suspected drug “stash house,” on 5000 Ormsby Avenue.

This warrant service was the culmination of a year-long investigation conducted by investigators assigned to the City-County Narcotics Unit (CCNU), which is comprised of Caldwell Police Department personnel and members of the Canyon County Sheriff’s Office.

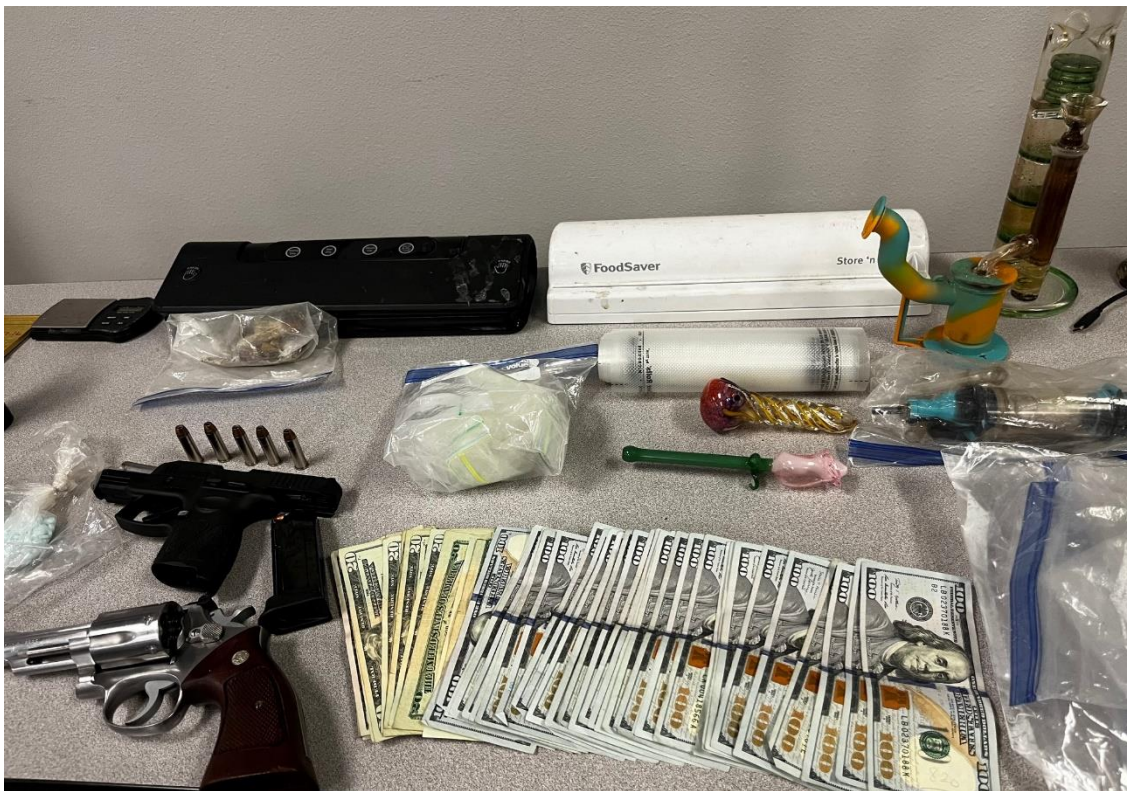
The search warrant resulted in the recovery of approximately 1,500 Fentanyl pills, four pounds of crystal methamphetamine, hallucinogenic mushrooms, \$3,500.00 in U.S. currency, two illegally possessed firearms, ammunition, paraphernalia, and other evidence commonly associated with trafficking narcotics. One individual was detained, and subsequently arrested inside the residence, when the warrant was conducted. The suspect, identified as 54-year-old Eric Martin, surrendered peacefully without incident, injury, or force. Martin has been charged with trafficking narcotics, weapons violations, and miscellaneous narcotics related offenses. Martin has a significant criminal history from California, including murder, robbery, extortion, aggravated assault, and narcotics violations.

“I am so proud of the men and women who conducted this outstanding investigation which led to the execution of this warrant today. The professionals that made this operation successful are the epitome of sharpness, courage, honor, and sacrifice. This is a reminder that our fight against drugs in our community is far from over and we will never allow cartels to control our streets. One trafficker, one dealer and one criminal at a time – we will never waiver in our pursuit to bring them to justice. Today, we safely recovered enough Fentanyl to kill a population the size of the entire state of Idaho and it is critical that we keep our community safe, our children safer, and send the message that we will not tolerate this in our City. Mr. Martin will not be able to escape justice in Idaho, like he once did in California,” said Rex Ingram, Caldwell Police Department, Chief of Police.

(See photos below)



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