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## Press Release – Charges filed for Drug Distribution and Drug Distribution Resulting in Death

The District Attorney's Office announces the arrest of two people who were dealing significant quantities of fentanyl and other illegal narcotics in Boulder County and throughout the metro area. This is the culmination of an investigation by the Boulder County Drug Task Force (BCDTF). Member agencies of the BCDTF include the Boulder County Sheriff's Office, Boulder Police Department, Lafayette Police Department, and the District Attorney's Office. The BCDTF worked in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Boulder Police Department Special Enforcement Unit, and Longmont Department of Public Safety's Special Investigations Unit.

Carlos Centeno-Izaguirre (08/17/1980) and Gerson Arteaga-Izaguirre (02/01/2003) are facing numerous charges including multiple counts of Unlawful Distribution of Fentanyl-more than 50 grams (DF1), Special Offender-Distribution within 1000 feet of a school (DF1), and Counterfeit Substances Prohibited (DF3). Additionally, Carlos Centeno-Izaguirre is being charged with Distribution of Fentanyl Resulting in Death - greater than 50 grams - for having sold the drugs that caused a drug-related death. That criminal charge was adopted in 2022 through the Fentanyl Accountability and Prevention Act, which our office strongly supported.

The drugs intercepted during the investigation included 514.25 grams of Fentanyl (estimated over 5000 pills), 8.73 grams of cocaine, 7.19 grams of morphine, and 2.89 grams of heroin.

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, "I appreciate all the hard work that the Drug Task Force, other law enforcement partners, and our prosecution team have dedicated to this tragic case. Fentanyl dealers should be held fully accountable for the destruction they inflict, and we are committed to pursuing justice in this case."

If you suspect illegal distribution of narcotics, you can report this to the BCDTF by email at <u>drugtaskforceinfo@bouldercounty.gov</u> or call 303-441-1690.

As in every criminal case, these charges are merely an accusation, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty.

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