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**Corinna, Maine**

As part of an ongoing investigation into the importation of fentanyl into the State of Maine from Massachusetts, the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency has arrested two men in the Town of Corinna and charged them with Class A drug trafficking offenses.

On Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at approximately 8:00 pm, investigators from MDEA’s North Central Task Force along with the Maine State Police Tactical Team and Deputies from the Penobscot County Sheriff’s Office, executed a search warrant on a residence located at Maple Ridge Mobile Home Park in Corinna. This search warrant was the result of an on-going MDEA investigation related to the importation and sale of significant amounts of fentanyl transported to Maine by out of state traffickers for redistribution throughout Penobscot County. The investigation included the undercover purchase of fentanyl from the mobile home.

Seized during the search warrant was over **1 kilogram** of suspected fentanyl along with $1600 in suspected drug proceeds. The estimated street value of the drugs seized is approximately **$165,0000**.

Arrested and charged thus far in connection with this investigation are:

1. **David Ireland (61) of Corinna, Maine** – Charged with Class A Aggravated Trafficking of Schedule W Drugs (fentanyl). This charge was aggravated due to the quantity of drugs seized.
2. **Carlos Daniel Del Jesus Garcia (22) of Lawrence, Massachusetts and the Dominican Republic**– Charged with Class A Aggravated Trafficking of Schedule W Drugs (fentanyl). This charge was aggravated due to the quantity of drugs seized.

Both men were transported to the Penobscot County Jail where they are currently being held without bail.  It is anticipated that they will make an initial court appearance this afternoon.

**All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law**.

*If you have information about this investigation or the illegal sale of drugs in your community, you are urged to contact the Maine Drug Enforcement office closest to you or by texting MDEA to TIP411 (847411) or by calling the MDEA tip-line at 1-800-452-6457.*