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Prince William County Commonwealth's Attorney Amy Ashworth announces the successful prosecution of Jaborn Clinton Maldonado arising from a joint Federal and State investigation into illegal narcotics distribution within Prince William County. Mr. Maldonado, twenty-one years old, pled guilty to Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl and Possession of a Firearm while Possessing Fentanyl with Intent to Distribute. On June 12th, 2024, he was sentenced by the Honorable Kimberly A. Irving to serve twenty years in prison with fifteen years suspended upon his release based upon his successful completion of supervised probation.

On April 27, 2023, Detectives with the Prince William County Special Investigations Bureau in conjunction with the U.S. Marshall's Service and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives concluded an operation involving the sale of large quantities of pressed fentanyl pills to agents of law enforcement. The operation concluded with a warrant service on one of the targets of the investigation, Jaborn Clinton Maldonado, in the area of John Diskin Circle, Woodbridge VA, 22191. Simultaneously, search warrants of Mr. Maldonado's residence as well as other targets of the operation were executed.

Upon being taken into custody, Mr. Maldonado made statements indicating he was armed. A U.S. Marshall then removed a loaded 9mm Smith and Wesson pistol from inside his compression shorts. Also on his person were approximately 200 pressed fentanyl M-30 pills. At his home, items consistent with distribution including a digital scale, money, firearms accessories, pistol ammunition and an additional phone were found. An associate of Mr. Maldonado confirmed for detectives that Maldonado sells narcotics and that "once you're in the drug dealing lifestyle, you basically can't get out." The suspected narcotics and firearm were packaged and sent to the Department of Forensic Science, and analysis indicated that the pills tested positive for Fentanyl, a Schedule II substance, and the firearm was in operating condition.

The Case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Alex Brandler. The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney would like to commend the Prince William County Police Department, the U.S. Marshal's Service, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives for their investigation of the case.

Amy Ashworth, Commonwealth's Attorney, offered the following comment about this case:

"Fentanyl poses a great danger to the community because of how quickly it can kill. We take cases involving the distribution of such drugs very seriously and will continue to seek convictions and active prison sentences for those involved in the distribution of illegal substances."

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Amy Ashworth is the elected Commonwealth's Attorney for Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. She was first elected in November 2019 and was re-elected in November 2023.. The Commonwealth Attorney's Office can be reached from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. every business day by phone at 703-792-6050 or email at cwoffice@pwcgov.org.