

Town of Old Orchard Beach, Maine



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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF CHIEF DANA KELLEY

For the past four months the Old Orchard Beach Police Department has been conducting a series of investigations involving illegal drug trafficking in Old Orchard Beach. As a result of those investigations, forty six defendants have been charged with various crimes that include 36 felonies, fifty misdemeanors and fifteen civil violations. There are currently more than twenty active investigations being pursued. These investigations are being conducted by department personnel who have received support from twelve different State and Federal agencies, including:

*United States Drug Enforcement Agency – Maine
United States Drug Enforcement Agency – Washington State
Maine Drug Enforcement Agency
United States Postal Inspectors – Maine
United States Postal Inspectors – California
HIDTA (High Impact Drug Trafficking Areas) Portland Maine Office
Southern Maine Violent Crimes Task Force
Saco Police Department
Scarborough Police Department
Maine State Police
Sagadahoc Sherriff's Office
Washington County Sherriff's Office
Lincoln California Police Department*

Seized narcotics include, Crack Cocaine, Cocaine, Heroin, Marijuana, Methamphetamine, and assorted prescription drugs. It is estimated that if sold, these narcotics would have a street value of over \$155,000 dollars.

As a result of these narcotics investigations officers have also had contact with individuals who have been in violation of bail conditions, had warrants and one individual who was a violent sexual predator who failed to comply with the Sex Offender Registration Act.

As stated earlier, officers are currently working twenty active cases and will continue to pursue these cases and any new information or leads as they develop.

I would ask that anyone with information regarding illegal drug activity, please contact the Old Orchard Beach Police Department at 207-937-5837. Please leave a message and someone will return your call,. It is not necessary to leave your name but it would be helpful for investigators to be able to speak with you.

Note to Press Agencies: *If you wish to speak with me regarding this release please call 207-937-5805 and my secretary will put you through to me.*

Thank you,

*Dana Kelley
Chief of Police*