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Date: May 9, 2023

CONCORD, NH – May 9, 2023 is National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day. This day is set aside to raise awareness of the dangers of opioids such as fentanyl. According to the Drug Enforcement Administration, in the United States, fentanyl is involved in more deaths among people under 50 than cancer, heart disease, suicide, homicide and car accidents.

This day is being used to highlight the joint efforts of the Concord Police Department and NH State Police Narcotics Investigations Unit and announce *Operation Granite Shield* seizure totals since January 1, 2023. *Operation Granite Shield* is a grant-funded initiative targeting illegal drug trafficking in local communities.

Below is a list of seizures made by CPD/NHSP NIU investigators:

Heroin/Fentanyl: 2,245.5 grams (4.9 pounds)

Methamphetamine: 847 grams (1.8 pounds)

Cocaine: 336.5 grams

Crack Cocaine: 190.8 grams

Suboxone: 41 sublingual strips

Marijuana: 22.5 grams

Gabapentin: 288 pills

U.S. Currency: \$19,184.00

The Concord Police Department, working with our federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, remains committed to raising awareness of the dangers of opioids and preventing drug overdoses.

Anyone who has information relative to any criminal incident is asked to call the Concord Regional Crimeline at (603) 226-3100, or submit information online to the website at: www.concordregionalcrimeline.com.

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