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Saratoga County Man Sentenced for Drug and Firearms Offenses

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ALBANY, NEW YORK – Anthony Luizzi, age 24, of Halfmoon, New York, was sentenced today to 210 months in prison, and to pay a \$10,000 fine, for drug and gun crimes in connection with his trafficking of large amounts of fentanyl, cocaine and methamphetamine, and his possession of more than 30 firearms.

United States Attorney Carla B. Freedman; Frank A. Tarentino III, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), New York Field Division; and Bryan Miller, Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), made the announcement.

Luizzi previously pled guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute cocaine, methamphetamine, and fentanyl; possession with intent to distribute cocaine, methamphetamine and fentanyl; and possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking crimes.

Luizzi admitted that he conspired to distribute, and possessed with intent and distribute, cocaine, methamphetamine, and fentanyl, from his residence in Halfmoon, and at an apartment on Western Avenue in Albany. On May 23, 2023, law enforcement searched his apartment in Halfmoon and found more than 11 kilograms of fentanyl pills, along with five firearms, including a shotgun with a defaced serial number. Law enforcement also seized \$2,616 as drug proceeds. On that same day, law enforcement also searched the apartment on Western Avenue and found 34 more firearms, as well as more than 400 grams of fentanyl pills, more than 7,000 grams of pills containing methamphetamine, and more than 700 grams of cocaine.

United States District Judge Anne M. Nardacci also ordered that Luizzi serve a 5-year term of supervised release following his release from prison and ordered the forfeiture of the \$2,616 in cash found at his Halfmoon residence.

The following defendants have also been charged in connection with this investigation:

- [Brandon Bartley was sentenced on September 24, 2024, to 180 months in prison and to pay a \\$5,000 fine](#), for drug and gun crimes.
- [Devon Newsome pled guilty on September 3, 2024](#), to unlawfully transferring firearms as part of the firearms trafficking conspiracy. Newsome is scheduled to be sentenced on January 6, 2025.
- Jabree Jones was charged with a violation of the terms of his supervised release on May 23, 2023, based on violations of federal gun and drug trafficking laws, and has been detained pending the resolution of the supervised release violation petition. A final revocation hearing is currently scheduled for December 17, 2024. The charges against Jones are merely accusations. He is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The DEA and the ATF are investigating the case, with assistance from the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office (SCSO), the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General (USDOL-OIG), and Henry County Police Department in Georgia. Assistant U.S. Attorney Alexander Wentworth-Ping is prosecuting the case.

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