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U.S. Attorney Recognizes Efforts of DEA Operation Crystal Mountain

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Robert M. Duncan, Jr., the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, recognizes and commends the efforts of the DEA, for its Operation Crystal Mountain. Operation Crystal Mountain was a sweeping methamphetamine enforcement action that culminated in several impactful investigations this year. Since January, DEA special agents from the Louisville Field Division, with support from state and local law enforcement agencies across the region, have arrested 235 individuals on federal drug-related charges, seized more than \$800,000.00 in cash and 52 firearms, and seized significant quantities of heroin, fentanyl, and other drugs. During this same timeframe, DEA assisted its state and local counterparts with the arrest of 140 additional offenders, on state-level drug charges.

“Methamphetamine is a dangerous drug and this enforcement operation demonstrates the hard work of our law enforcement partners, in their efforts to diminish its impact in Southeastern Kentucky and throughout the region,” said Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky. “Our Office remains committed to using all available resources to combat methamphetamine trafficking. Working with the DEA and our state and local law enforcement partners, we will continue to prioritize the prosecution of these important cases and work to make our communities safer.”

For more information about the DEA and Operation Crystal Mountain, go to: <https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2019/08/20/dea-targets-methamphetamine-three-states-operation-crystal-mountain>.

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