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Saratoga County Man Pleads Guilty to Drug and Firearms Offenses

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U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of New York

Anthony Luizzi Admits to Possessing 39 Firearms and More Than 11 Kilograms of Fentanyl Pills; Faces a Minimum of 15 Years in Prison

ALBANY, NEW YORK –Anthony Luizzi, age 24, of Halfmoon, New York, pled guilty today to drug and gun crimes in connection with his trafficking in large amounts of fentanyl, cocaine and methamphetamine, as well as his possession of nearly 40 firearms.

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

Luizzi 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.

He admitted that he conspired to distribute, and possessed with intent and distribute, cocaine, methamphetamine and fentanyl, from his residence in Halfmoon, and from an apartment on Western Avenue in Albany. On May 23, 2023, law enforcement searched his Halfmoon apartment where they found more than 11 kilograms of fentanyl pills, along with five firearms, including a defaced shotgun. Law enforcement also seized \$2,616 in cash as drug proceeds. On that same day, law enforcement also searched the Western Avenue apartment 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.

Sentencing is scheduled for July 16, 2024, before United States District Judge Anne M. Nardacci. Luizzi faces at least 15 years and up to life in prison, a fine of up to \$10 million, and a supervised release term of at least 5 years and up to life, to begin after he finishes his prison term. A defendant's sentence is imposed by a judge based on the particular statutes the defendant is charged with violating, the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, and other factors.

The following defendants, who were also arrested on May 23, 2023, still face charges in connection with this case:

- Brandon Bartley was charged by criminal complaint on May 23, 2023, with possession with intent to distribute cocaine. He has been ordered detained pending trial.
- Jabree Jones was charged with a violation of the terms of his supervised release on May 23, 2023, and has been detained pending the resolution of the supervised release violation petition.

The charges against Bartley and Jones are merely accusations. Both defendants are 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, the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), and U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General (USDOL-OIG). Assistant U.S. Attorney Alexander Wentworth-Ping is prosecuting the case.

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