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Troopers Disrupt Major Illegal Drug Distribution Operation In Tok Area

(TOK, Alaska) – A 48-year-old man was arrested and faces numerous drug and weapons charges after Alaska State Troopers recovered more than \$35,000 worth of suspected illegal drugs and numerous firearms and stolen goods at the man’s Tok residence on Tuesday. The day before, after receiving information from the community about suspected illegal drug activity, troopers in Tok asked the Fairbanks Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU) for help in disrupting the illegal distribution of narcotics in the Tok area. Investigators traveled to Tok and met with a person of interest who had recently purchased narcotics from a residence in Tok. Troopers also learned there might be a large amount of methamphetamine, stolen guns, stolen jewelry, stolen vehicles and stolen trailers at the residence. After conducting surveillance on the suspected illegal activity at the residence, troopers obtained a search warrant. Tok state and wildlife patrol troopers, Fairbanks Special Projects Unit troopers and members of the multi-agency Fairbanks SDEU executed a search warrant on the residence on Tuesday. The search warrant yielded 32 firearms (rifles, shotguns, pistols), of which half have been determined stolen; 10 grams of methamphetamine (\$3000 street value); 49 grams of suspected Heroin (street value \$29,400); 42 Morphine Tablets (street value \$4200); seven Hydrocodone/OxyContin Tablets (street value \$700); gold nuggets; and \$1,618 in cash.

Convicted felon Floyd J. Stuck was charged with second-, third- and fourth-degree misconduct involving a controlled substance and remanded to Fairbanks Correctional Center. Troopers forwarded numerous drug and weapons charges to the Fairbanks district attorney’s office for prosecution of a female contacted at the residence. She was not arrested. The investigation is still on going. This was a major disruption to the illegal distribution of narcotics and recovery of stolen items within the Tok area, a rural community with approximately 1,200 people located 93 miles from the Canadian border.

Any charges reported in this release are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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