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Denver DA Accuses Jose P. Hernandez of Running Large Scale Drug Operation *Fentanyl, Heroin, Methamphetamine, Cocaine, Cash and Guns Seized*

DENVER— Denver District Attorney Beth McCann today announced that Jose Pedro Hernandez (age 42) faces 30 felony counts for allegedly running a large-scale drug operation involving fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, methylenedioxymethamphetamine and cocaine.

In January 2022, the Denver Police Department received tips from two anonymous sources about suspected drug dealing occurring out of a house located at 36th and Osage Street in Denver. Officers obtained a search warrant and began surveilling the home. On January 20, 2022, Denver police officers had probable cause to search the house and arrested Hernandez. In the house, officers found:

- thousands of suspected fentanyl pills (about 850 grams of fentanyl subsequently determined)
- multiple pounds of suspected methamphetamine
- large quantity of suspected black tar heroin
- more than \$7,000 in cash
- assault rifles, a shotgun, semi-automatic handguns, and a revolver
- miscellaneous gun parts including several non-serialized "ghost" lower receivers to rifles
- thousands of rounds of live ammunition in various calibers
- ledgers listing amounts owed/paid for illicit narcotics
- sandwich baggies allegedly used to package narcotics for sale, and
- scales.

Prosecutors have charged Hernandez with 24 counts of Possession of a Weapon By a Previous Offender (F6), three counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute (DF3), one count of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute (DF2), and with two counts of possession with intent to distribute (DF1). Hernandez' is scheduled for Arraignment at 8:30 a.m. on March 10, 2022, in Denver District Court courtroom 5A. This is Denver District Court case number 22CR000398.

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