THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL PROACTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATIONS...
COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION
What is OCTF...
Pursuant to section 70-a of the Executive Law, OCTF has the ability to:

- Conduct investigations and prosecutions of organized crime activities carried on between two or more counties or between the state and another jurisdiction
- Cooperate and assist District Attorneys and Law Enforcement Officials in their efforts against organized crime
- Attend any term of the county or supreme court before a jury where any offense occurred either in two or more counties of the state, or both within and outside of the state
• Most OCTF cases are conducted in partnership with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies both in and out of New York State.
NEMA - Northeast & Mid-Atlantic Heroin Taskforce

• NEMA is the task force joining the Attorney’s General across Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states in the fight against heroin.

• Our Goals of collaboration, coordination and information sharing between state attorneys general are already underway to combat these organized, sophisticated narcotics operations.
• OCTF is currently partnering with members of the NEMA Task Force on several large scale, multi-state heroin cases.
• Specifically Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maine
OCTF HEROIN CASES: AN OVERVIEW

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Organized Crime Task Force
OPERATION IRON HORSE

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2014 Heroin Trafficking investigation which spanned from New York City to the following locations utilizing Metro North trains and Greyhound buses:

- Newburgh, NY (Orange County)
- Monticello, NY (Sullivan County)
- Uniondale, NY (Nassau County)
- Pittsburgh, PA (Alleghany County)
- Virginia – Ongoing investigation
Defendants allegedly moved heroin and illicit profits on Metro-North trains between the 125th Street Station in Harlem and the Beacon, N.Y. station.

Heroin was allegedly transported on Greyhound buses from New York City to Pittsburgh for distribution.
TAKEDOWN

• Takedown phase of operation conducted March 25\textsuperscript{th}, 2015
• Thirteen subjects arrested
• Lead defendant Brian Bacon pled guilty to Operating as a Major Trafficker
Operating as a Major Trafficker

- Enacted in 2009 and commonly referred to as the “Drug Kingpin Statute”
- Cases typically arise after long-term investigations involving undercover police officers, police informants, or cooperating defendants on other cases.
- Wiretaps and remote, covert surveillance play a prominent role in developing these investigations.
- This statute sets forth more severe penalties than all other Class A-I narcotics-related offenses.
- A person convicted of this offense – even one with no prior record – faces a minimum indeterminate prison sentence of 15 years to life and a maximum sentence of 25 years to life imprisonment. See PL 70.00(2)(a), (3)(a)(i).
- OCTF has used statute to charge targets in non-traditional narcotics investigations. Most recent successful OCTF prosecution, People v. Bekri, et al - an international khat-trafficking ring.
LINK DIAGRAM

OPERATION IRON HORSE

SUPPLIER

Raymos Betrand
SUPPLIER
(Bronx)

Wallace Walker
(Bronx)

Tamar Dillard
A.K.A. YOUR DOG
(Bronx)

BRIAN BACON
A.K.A. PRIME MINISTER
(Bronx)

Donna Haggans
(Bronx)

Jerome Turnbough
(Newburgh)

Roderick Copeland
(Manhattan)

Jamaul Aziz
(Monticello)

Kenneth Parris
(Untiondale)

Eddie Cullins
(Newburgh)

Devonna Barreras
(Newburgh)

William Thomas, Jr.
(Pittsburgh)

Gilbert Maxi
(Monticello)

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OPERATION JUNEBUG

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Albany, NY
SYNOPSIS

• Investigation into a heroin trafficking ring in Albany, NY in spring 2014
• Heroin flowing from Newark, NJ to the Capital District in NY
• NY and NJ subjects exchanged heroin for cash at The Woodbury Outlets
• Heroin was transported north on I-87 and sold within the Capital District of New York
• The heroin flowed from the Capital District to Glens Falls and Plattsburgh regions of New York
Analyst Comment: This link diagram depicts the association of multiple targets who were key figures throughout the heroin investigation. Thorpe, the main SOS, supplied heroin to Moss, Clark and Carter, who then distributed the product to mid-level dealers and users. Buyers were not limited to one demographic or region and were often times under thirty years of age.
Main SOS Elijah Thorpe would compile, cut and bundle packages of heroin in various apartments in Newark, NJ. He would then meet Carter, Clark or Moss at Woodbury Commons to conduct an exchange. Once the exchange was complete, the product would then be moved and sold throughout the capital district of New York. **Carter would additionally sell heroin to college students in Plattsburgh and along the Canadian border.**
Analyst Comment: Photos are of approximately 1,200 bags of heroin that belonged to Quaddir Moss. These bags were found during a search of a vehicle that Quaddir Moss was a passenger in on January 14th, 2015.
• Eight subjects arrested for direct involvement in heroin trafficking ring
• Handguns were found at both Carter’s and Clark’s residence
• All subjects have pled guilty
COMMUNITY OVERDOSE PREVENTION PROGRAM (COP)

- Dedicated $5 Million in Asset Forfeiture Funds to Train & Equip Law Enforcement in NYS
- 200+ Law Enforcement Applicants
- Awarded $3.2 Million to 162 Agencies
- 100+ Overdose Reversals
AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS AGREEMENT
(NALOXONE REBATE)

• Naloxone Becomes Widely Used by National Law Enforcement in 2014
• Amphastar Increase Price in Late 2014 by 50%+
  *Amphastar Manufactures Naloxone Used By Law Enforcement*
• Agreement with Amphastar in Feb. 2015
  – $6 per dose rebate for NY public entities
  – If price increases, so does rebate (dollar-for-dollar)
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