

CHATHAM-SAVANNAH COUNTER

NARCOTICS TEAM

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CNT Conducts Search Warrant at a Local Business

CHATHAM COUNTY, Georgia (August 19, 2019): A total of five people are in custody following a joint operation resulting in search warrants at a local business and residence.

On the evening of Friday, August 16, 2019, the Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team (CNT) with the assistance of the Savannah Police Department's Special Investigations Unit (SIU), executed a search warrant at The Original Nancy's Seafood located at 2211 Skidaway Road in Savannah. The search warrant resulted in the seizure of over four pounds of marijuana, over 100 cartridges of liquid tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), an undisclosed amount of crystal methamphetamine, and items commonly associated with distribution of controlled substances. Also seized was one firearm, and more than \$11,000 in U.S. currency.

CNT arrested the store owner, 46-year-old Trinh Kapu and three employees also believed to be her family members, 28-year-old Ikaika Kapu, 21-year-old Micah Kapu, and 23-year-old Paul Gonning II, all of Savannah. All four persons were charged with Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute.

Early this morning, CNT executed a search warrant at a residence located in the 100 block of Falligant Avenue in connection to this investigation. The residence is owned by Trinh Kapu and 36-year-old Matthew Dulin. The search warrant resulted in the seizure of an undisclosed amount of cocaine, crystal methamphetamine, and marijuana. Four firearms, more than \$8,000 in U.S. currency, and several vehicles were also seized. Dulin was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Crime.

All persons arrested in the investigation are being held at the Chatham County Detention Center.

The investigation originated from a Bulloch County investigation where it was determined the drugs being sold in Bulloch County were originating from Chatham County. During CNT's joint investigation with the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office Crime Suppression Unit, Savannah Police Department's SIU, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, agents identified "The Original Nancy's Seafood" as a drug distribution hub. The investigation revealed while the business appeared to be operating in a lawful capacity, persons in the back were packaging narcotics and selling them to persons at the establishment.

The Bulloch County Sheriff's Office CSU conducted an operation over the course of this period resulting in the seizure of more than one pound of marijuana and an undisclosed amount of liquid THC. A number of people were arrested during that operation.

This is an ongoing investigation and additional arrests and charges are expected.

Said CNT Director Everett Ragan, "This is a prime example of how effective law enforcement can be; especially when working together. I am thankful for our partnerships and proud of the end results."

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