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Subject: Oneida Police Department Executes Search Warrant Following Six-Month Narcotics Investigation

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ONEIDA, NY – On Monday, June 15, 2026, members of the Oneida Police Department executed a search warrant at a residence on West Elm Street following an extensive six-month narcotics investigation.

As a result of the investigation, **Robert Adsit** of Oneida, was arrested and charged with:

- Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell Narcotic Drug (B-Felony)
- Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell Controlled Substance (D- Felony)
- Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th degree (A-Misdemeanor)

During the execution of the search warrant, investigators seized approximately **600 individual doses of fentanyl**, along with quantities of crack cocaine and methamphetamine. Police also seized cash believed to be connected to illegal narcotics activity.

Following his arrest, Adsit was transported to the Madison County Jail for Centralized Arraignment and is currently being held without bail.

The seizure of this amount of fentanyl represents a significant removal of dangerous narcotics from the community. Fentanyl is an extremely potent synthetic opioid and remains one of the leading contributors to fatal overdoses throughout New York State and across the nation. Even small amounts of fentanyl can be deadly, making its distribution a serious threat to public safety.

This arrest is the culmination of approximately six months of investigative work conducted by members of the Oneida Police Department. Investigations of this nature require substantial time, resources, surveillance, intelligence gathering, and coordination to ensure those responsible for distributing dangerous narcotics are held accountable.

Chief Steven Lowell praises the efforts of the investigators involved in the case.

The investigation remains ongoing and additional arrests or charges may be forthcoming.

Anyone with information regarding illegal narcotics activity is encouraged to contact the Oneida Police Department at (315) 363-2323.

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Chief's Statement: *"The seizure of approximately 600 doses of fentanyl has undoubtedly made our community safer. Fentanyl continues to devastate families and communities across our country, and every dose removed from our streets represents a potential life saved. This investigation demonstrates our department's unwavering commitment to combating the distribution of dangerous narcotics within our city. Cases like this do not happen overnight. They are the result of countless hours of dedicated police work, attention to detail, and a commitment to protecting the people we serve. I commend our investigators and officers for their professionalism, persistence, and determination throughout this six-month investigation. Their efforts reflect the Oneida Police Department's commitment to public safety and our mission of serving better together."*

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