

**Statement by Warren Mayor Jim Fouts  
On Warren Police-DEA Heroin/Fentanyl  
Indictments  
“Landmark Case” Involving 27 Counts and  
13 Defendants**

I would like to highly commend both the Warren Police Special Investigations Unit and the DEA for the grand jury indictment charging the leader of the Detroit Heroin Drug trade with the death of a 19 year old female and the overdoses of three others.

This was a result of distributing fentanyl resulting in death and serious bodily injury. This initiative was started by Warren Police from my request to Commissioner Jere Green to institute a massive drug bust against the drug cartel in Detroit following the OD deaths of seven Warren residents earlier this year.

Special credit must go to Warren Detective Craig Bankowski, the case agent for the investigation. This is a landmark case in which our Warren special investigations team worked from the ground up in February 2016 and concluding in September 2016. This will also put a dent in the increased crime in the area caused by desperate Heroin addicts. This includes the robbing and mugging of elderly Warren residents, auto thefts, and home invasions.

Lastly, this should save lives! It will hopefully save many young people from a lifetime of addiction leading to untimely deaths.

I would also like to commend the heroic efforts of our Warren police undercover officer; his dedication and bravery made this landmark case possible. This case will hopefully set precedence for other agencies to rid other communities of similar types of drug cartels.

I had also announced this joint initiative with the DEA at my State of the City address earlier this year. A total of 13 persons have been charged in this case. At least nine of them related to OD's.