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Chaz Brandon Convicted of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree

Rochester, NY- On Friday, April 8, 40-year-old Chaz Brandon was convicted by a Monroe County Jury of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the 2nd Degree.

On April 10, 2019, a search warrant was executed at Chaz Brandon's house in the City of Rochester. This warrant execution came after the conclusion of a long-term investigation conducted by the Monroe County Heroin Task Force and the Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement Team. This investigation involved several different targets that were actively bringing fentanyl into Rochester. The search warrant team seized bulk fentanyl and drug paraphernalia inside Chaz Brandon's house.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and Special Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, also of the Special Investigations Bureau.

"With today's conviction, hopefully Chaz Brandon will learn to stop pushing illegal narcotics in our community," said Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano. "This long-term investigation proves the importance of inter-agency cooperation when ridding our community of dangerous narcotics. I want to thank the Monroe County Heroin Task Force and GRANET for helping to remove another violent drug dealer from our streets."

"As a violent predicate felony offender, Chaz Brandon has had multiple chances to better himself and turn his life around," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Thanks to the Assistant District Attorneys in the Special Investigations Bureau, the Monroe County Heroin Task Force and GRANET, we are taking these dangerous narcotics out of the hands of the criminals who continue to fuel this addiction epidemic."

Chaz Brandon will be sentenced on May 23, 2022, in front of State Supreme Court Justice Schiano. As a violent predicate felony offender, he faces a minimum of 6 years in the New York State Department of Corrections and a maximum of 15 years.

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