

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**KETCHIKAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
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On 2/10/22 officers of the Ketchikan Police Department, the Alaska State Troopers, and the Drug Enforcement Administration executed a search warrant on a downtown hotel room in furtherance of a narcotics investigation. Contacted inside of the room was Frederick D. Lauth III (AKA "Eric Lauth," 30 YOA of Ketchikan). Mr. Lauth was found to have an outstanding warrant for his arrest and was taken into custody.

A search warrant was executed on the room and multiple evidence items were seized to include 24 suspected Fentanyl pills, 12 Methadone Hydrochloride pills, 3 Hydromorphone Hydrochloride pills, and approximately one gram of Heroin. Also found in the room was approximately \$29,000.00 in cash as well as drug sales paraphernalia. Mr. Lauth admitted to importing and selling the narcotics in Ketchikan.

Mr. Lauth was transported to the Ketchikan Correctional Center where he was booked on his warrant and held without bail. He was later charged with four counts of Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree for possessing with the intent to distribute the suspected Fentanyl, Heroin, Methadone, and Hydromorphone.

*All charges reported in this media release are only accusations.  
All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.*