

Desoto Parish woman arrested for distributing fentanyl and meth

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An investigation involving local law enforcement agencies has resulted in the largest fentanyl seizure in Caddo Parish or the surrounding area, said Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator.

Four pounds of fentanyl in powder and pill form and other drugs were confiscated on Friday, July 23, following a traffic stop in west Caddo Parish. Two people were arrested.

In recent years, illicitly produced fentanyl has been associated with a dramatic increase in overdose fatalities ranging from 2,666 in 2011 to 31,335 in 2018, according to the DEA.

Friday's seizure occurred following investigations of Theresa Atkins, 47, of Frierson, by the DEA and the Desoto Parish Sheriff's Office. Atkins was suspected of distributing large quantities of methamphetamine in Desoto, Bossier and Caddo parishes and had been targeted for investigation by both agencies.

Atkins' vehicle was stopped by Louisiana State Police at approximately 3:20 a.m. on Friday at Jewella Avenue and I-20. A consensual search was conducted which resulted in the seizure of the fentanyl, approximately four pounds of methamphetamine, and a handgun.

Atkins and her passenger, Tanner Raney, 43, of Bossier City, were arrested for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Both were booked into the Caddo Correctional Center on federal charges.

The DEA Task Force includes deputies and officers from Caddo, Bossier, and Desoto parish sheriff's offices, Shreveport Police, Louisiana State Police, and the DEA.