

Six arrested in Suffolk drug bust

\$362G in cash, guns, narcotics seized in raids

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A monthslong investigation into a multimillion-dollar drug trafficking operation in Suffolk County resulted in the seizure of about \$362,000 in cash and roughly 4 kilograms of narcotics, officials said Saturday.

Six people were also arrested in connection with the operation, which distributed crack, cocaine and heroin across Brookhaven and parts of the East End, the Suffolk district attorney's office said at a news conference in Yaphank.

"We ended one of the largest drug distribution networks in Suffolk County," District Attorney Timothy Sini said.

More than \$1 million in as-

sets were connected to the operation, and investigators were able to connect several fatal overdoses to the drug network, Sini said. The drugs were distributed through multiple trips from the Bronx to Suffolk County, according to police.

Police used multiple search warrants early Saturday morning to raid the suspects' residences in Middle Island, the Bronx and Coram.

Roughly \$362,000 in cash, four pistols, 250 grams of cocaine, 475 grams of heroin, 400 grams of crack and drug paraphernalia, including a kilo press used for bricking blocks of cocaine, cutting agents, packaging and scales were seized from the residences, the district attorney's office said.

Michael Fearon, 33, whom police identified as the leader of the drug operation, was arrested Saturday at his Middle Island home and is facing drug trafficking charges, officials said.



Suffolk County District Attorney Timothy Sini announces arrests.

Fearon tried to get away in his car when police approached his Wilson Avenue residence, Sini said.

During a short chase, Fearon crashed his car into two unmarked police cars and two

other cars with civilians before he was arrested about a quarter-mile from his home. No one was hurt during the chase, Sini said.

Fearon will be arraigned Sunday, Sini said, and could face 25

years to life in prison if convicted.

The district attorney's office said Elius Cefarino Garcia Ovalles, 31, of the Bronx was the supplier for the drug operation. He was charged with operating as a major drug trafficker, and also could face 25 years to life if convicted. He will be arraigned Sunday.

William Davis, 38, of Coram; Edward Thompson, 50, of Middle Island; Paula Amador, 50, of Brooklyn and Craig Williams, 57, of Middle Island also were arrested and charged with conspiracy in the second degree, officials said.

Amador and Williams were arraigned Saturday and were being held on bail, according to court records.

Williams' attorney could not be immediately reached for comment. Amador is being represented by the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County, which could not be immediately reached for comment.

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