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Counterdrug Task Force critical in Springfield drug bust

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard Counterdrug Task Force supported a criminal drug case that took a kilogram of cocaine off the streets in Springfield, Ohio, and resulted in the arrests of two people and the seizure of more than \$76,000 on Dec 9.

A criminal analyst with the CDTF contributed more than 100 hours of analytical support to the Springfield Police Department's investigation, which began in October, and directly resulted in the arrest of the two suspects.

"The criminal analyst assigned to this case is just one of more than 45 Ohio National Guard members who are providing invaluable intelligence support and countless hours every single day to task forces across the state," said Lt. Col. Michael Flaherty, Ohio National Guard Counterdrug Task Force director. "Our members live in the communities where these illegal drugs are ruining lives and families, so they have a personal interest in making a difference."

CDTF criminal analysts bring unique skills and provide crucial information to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies during criminal investigations with an illegal drug nexus. Criminal analysts assist these cases by performing analysis, document exploitation, link analysis and case support, allowing task forces and agencies to achieve their mission objectives.

In 2018, CDTF members supported 1,744 drug cases, resulting in 450 arrests, the removal of more than 30,000 pounds of illegal drugs and property seizures valued at nearly \$123 million. The CDTF provides support to law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations, enhancing their efforts to counter the illicit drug threat and anticipate, deter and defeat the threat of illegal substances, trafficking and violence in Ohio.

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To learn more about the Ohio National Guard Counterdrug Task Force, visit:

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