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**DATE:** 2/20/2024 12:00:00 AM

**SUBJECT:** Lake Superior Violent Offender Task Force Execute Search Warrant

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**NATURE OF INCIDENT:** Search Warrant

**CASE NO.:** 24022512

**INCIDENT DATE:** 2/19/2024 12:00:00 AM

**Lake Superior Violent Offender Task Force Execute Search Warrant**

At approximately 5:40 a.m., Monday, February 19, members of the Lake Superior Violent Offender Task Force were assisted by St Louis County Investigators, and Duluth Police Major Crimes Investigators, in executing a search warrant on 43-year-old Diaunte Shields. Shields was known to have active Felony Warrants for Parole Violation, Possession with Intent to Deliver Fentanyl, and five counts of Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person.

Shields was detained without incident and \$33,555 in cash, numerous fake IDs, and documents were located on his person. During the execution of a search warrant at his residence in the 4700 block of Matterhorn Drive, a kilogram of compressed fentanyl, crack cocaine, methamphetamine, a loaded pistol, and evidence of drug sales were seized.

A short time later, investigators intercepted a mail package that was heavily wrapped, vacuum sealed, and encased in spray foam. K9 Maverick was called to detect the contents inside the package, which contained a kilogram of cocaine.

Good work by members of the Lake Superior Violent Offender Task Force for their continued efforts in taking harmful substances off the streets and holding violent offenders accountable for their actions.

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\*Non-Evidentiary

