

BREAKING... ‘Operation Final Blow’ nets 36 people, drugs and guns in three-state operation

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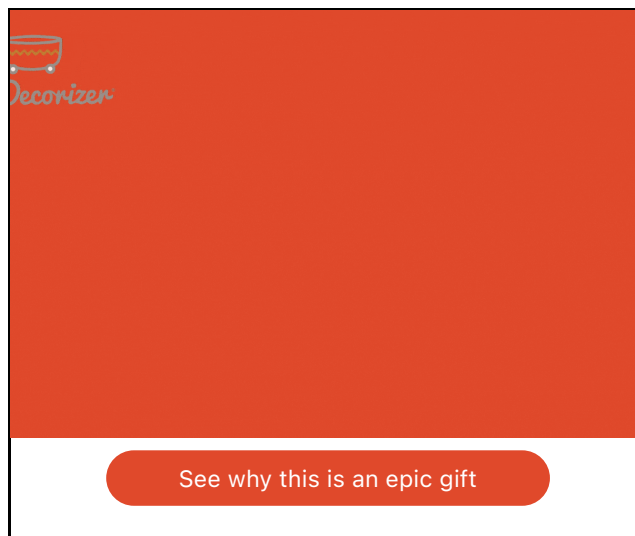
PORT JERVIS – Thirty-three people have been arrested, including a Monticello school teacher and football coach, in a series of coordinated raids in Port Jervis, New York, Pike County, Pennsylvania and Montague, New Jersey. Three others are wanted in connection with the same massive drug takedown.

Operation Final Blow netted two kilograms of cocaine, 74 grams of heroin, 165 grams of fentanyl, 1,600 ecstasy pills, seven firearms and \$153,000 in cash. Also seized were 11 cars, four motorcycles and two ATVs.

A total of 17 search warrants were executed leading to the arrests of 29 men and three women. Two men and one woman remain at large.

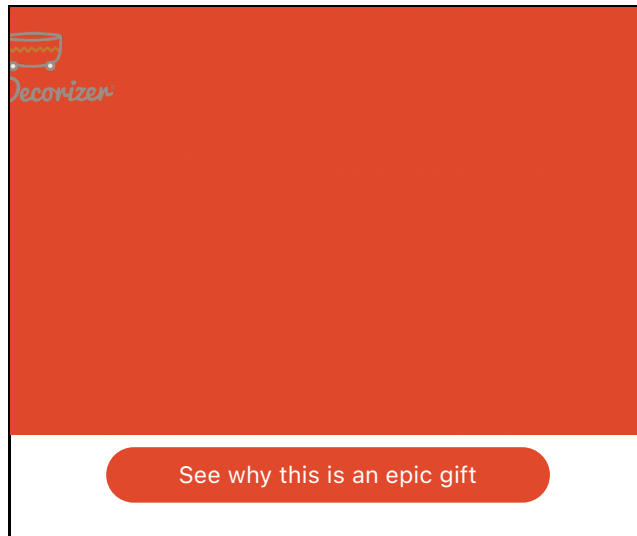
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The drugs were transported up to the area from the south and through New York City, said Orange County District Attorney David Hoovler.

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Because of New York's bail reform laws, only six of the 36 suspects have been remanded to jail. The others are back on the streets.

One of the suspects, 42-year-old Wayne Smith, served 10 years of a 20-year prison

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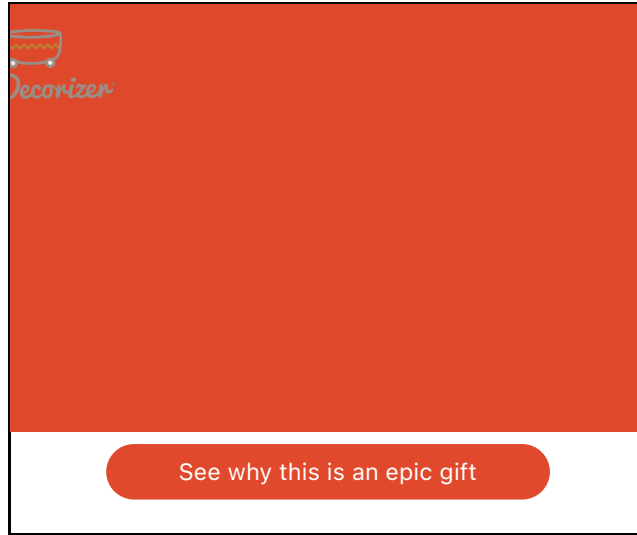
sentence in Pennsylvania and was back on the street as one of the six major traffickers, said Pike County District Attorney Raymond Tonkin.

Hoovler said since two to four grams of fentanyl can be lethal, there was enough of the drug confiscated to kill between 60,000 and 80,000 people.

Not everyone arrested was a hardcore drug dealer, officials said. Some were businesspeople dealing in the trade, and one person, Hoovler said was considering using some of his drug proceeds to invest in home purchases in Port Jervis.

Another defendant, Jack Piscitelli, 24, is a Monticello school teacher and football coach, said Hoovler.

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Police Chief William Worden said this four-month investigation is only the beginning; law enforcement is going to keep the heat on drug trafficking.

The six men who have been incarcerated were charged with drug possession; all of the others were charged with conspiracy to sell drugs.

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OPERATION FINAL BLOW DEFENDANTS

NAME	RESIDENCE	AGE
Wayne Smith	Deerpark, NY	42
Joseph Bruno	Port Jervis, NY	42

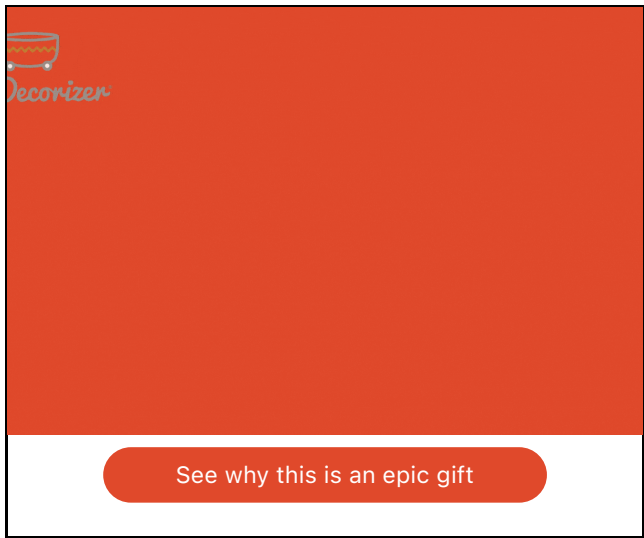
Joseph Bruno	Port Jervis, NY	45
Christian Shomo	Mount Hope, NY	33
Andrew Mitchell	Vernon, NJ	47
Raymond Hamilton	Glen Spey, NY	43
Jose Parra	Port Washington, NY	61
Thomas Bratton	Middletown, NY	50
Brian Stevenson	Port Jervis, NY	45
Gregory Luca	Pike County, PA	38
Ryan McCormick	Glen Spey, NY	47
Tyara Porter	Monticello, NY	47
Tyree Bolden	Rock Hill, NY	44
Brian Rosnagle	Port Jervis, NY	36
Daniel Scott	Village of Chester, NY	41
David Porter	Port Jervis, NY	70
Christine Ryan	Pike County, PA	31
Dennis Dunne	Pike County, PA	36
Gerald Harden	Port Jervis, NY	43

Candidate Name	Residence	Age
Jack Piscitelli	Port Jervis, NY	24
Kaylynne Doran	Pike County, PA	33
Kenneth Bruno	Port Jervis, NY	68
Michael Diana	Port Jervis, NY	59
Michael Gurliacci	Port Jervis, NY	40
Ronald Babcock	Port Jervis, NY	28
Trevone Waxter	Port Jervis, NY	38
Walter Finch	Pike County, NY	43
Ryan Platner	Port Jervis, NY	36

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