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Waukegan Man Arrested After Repeatedly Selling Prescription Pills to Undercover Detective

On February 4, 2019, the Lake County Sheriff's Gang Task Force concluded a three-month investigation into an individual illegally selling prescription pills out of his residence.

During the investigation, Homero Cadena, 32, of the 900 block of North Avenue, Waukegan, sold Amphetamine (a Schedule II Controlled Substance) and pills of Alprazolam (a Schedule IV Controlled Substance) to an undercover Gang Task Force Detective on multiple occasions.

Cadena was arrested without incident on February 4th. He was subsequently charged with four counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver (Class 1 Felonies).

Sheriff John Idleburg said, "All too often we hear from those in opioid recovery that abusing prescription medications was their gateway into heroin or other drugs. I am making it a priority to actively identify and arrest drug traffickers selling their poisons in our communities. Let me make it clear, drug pushers are not welcome in Lake County, we will find you and we will arrest you, to ensure our communities are kept safe."

Cadena remains held in the Lake County Jail on \$100,000.00 bail. He is next due in court on February 27, 2019 at 1:30PM in courtroom T110.

Sheriff Idleburg reminds the community all defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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