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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 16 YEARS IN PRISON FOR RUNNING
FENTANYL AND HEROIN MILL OUT OF HIS HOME**
Jury Found Defendant Guilty of Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance Charges

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to 16 years in prison after a jury found him guilty of narcotics charges for running a heroin and fentanyl mill out of his Riverdale home.

District Attorney Clark says, “Fentanyl is killing Bronxites, and destroys the lives of its victims and their families. With this sentencing, there is one less person on our streets selling deadly drugs. My Office will continue our efforts to keep these narcotics off the streets by pursuing and prosecuting those who harm our community. I thank our partners at the NYPD and Drug Enforcement Administration for working with us in this investigation.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Ariel Jimenez, 37, of 4570 Henry Hudson Parkway, was sentenced today to 16 years in prison and five years of post-release supervision by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Lester Adler. A jury found the defendant guilty of three counts of first-degree Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance, second-degree Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance, and three counts of third-degree Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance, with intent to sell a narcotic, on November 16, 2021.

On April 6, 2017, while authorities were conducting a separate investigation, NYPD and DEA Officers stopped a vehicle Jimenez was a passenger in outside of his home, after he appeared to be in a drug transaction with a known major trafficker. Authorities seized a kilogram (2.2 pounds) of fentanyl from under the driver seat after Jimenez attempted to stash it there. Execution of a search warrant of his home resulted in the seizure of nearly a kilogram (2.1 pounds) of heroin, fentanyl, cocaine, ketamine and Tramadol in one room, and over 2 kilograms (4.5 pounds) of heroin, fentanyl, and cocaine in a second room, some packaged in smaller quantities for sale. In addition to the narcotics, investigators found a kilogram press, a blender, heavy duty tape, strainers, breathing ventilators, nitrile gloves, cellophane wrap, vacuum sealer, scales, a drug ledger, measuring cups and bottles, indicating Jimenez operated a drug mill out of this residence.



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The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Kevin Griffin of the Special Investigations Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Samantha Sizemore of the Economic Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Howard Feldberg, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau, and Craig Cecchini, Chief of Special Investigations Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked NYPD Detective Thomas Decker of the Drug Enforcement Strike Force, Special Agent Thomas Mulhall of U.S. Homeland Security, Special Agent Michael Reed of the Drug Enforcement Agency and Clarkstown Police Department Detective William Gomez of the Drug Enforcement Task Force, as well as other members of Group Z 51 of the Drug Enforcement Administration, New York Drug Enforcement Strike Force, for their assistance in the investigation.

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