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*******MEDIA RELEASE*******

On today's date, Friday, December 1, 2023, agents with the Racine County Metro Drug Unit and other Sheriff's deputies conducted a search warrant in the 1200 block of Summit Ave., in the City of Racine. The search warrant was based upon an ongoing drug investigation involving Juan T. Mendez Jr, a 33-year-old male who lives at the residence.

During the execution of the search warrant, agents discovered the presence of three children under the age of four-years-old and identified three additional children who also reside at the residence but were not present at the time of the search. The agents contacted Racine County's Child Protective Services department, and they responded to the scene to assist with the children.

After a thorough search of the residence, agents located the following items:

- 7.7 grams of Fentanyl in the form of 44 pills with 39 of the pills being counterfeit 30 mg Percocet's
- 112 grams of Amphetamine in the form of 224 pills
- 0.7 grams of Schedule Four narcotics in the form of three pills
- 268.7 grams of marijuana
- Kimber Micro 9mm Handgun with ammunition
- \$1,410 US Currency

Deputies transported Juan Mendez Jr. to the Racine County Jail where he is being held on a \$687,500 bail for the following offenses:

- Manufacturing/ delivering Fentanyl (Five counts)
- Possession with Intent to Deliver Fentanyl
- Possession with Intent to Deliver Amphetamine
- Possession of Schedule 4 Narcotic
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Possession with Intent to Deliver THC
- Maintaining a Drug Trafficking Place

Sheriff Schmaling stated, "This successful investigation underscores the commitment of the Sheriff's Office to protect our community against the dangers of illegal drugs. The discovery of the combination of a firearm, significant quantities of deadly substances, and vulnerable children highlights the importance of the Sheriff's Metro Drug Unit in maintaining public safety."

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