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**SWANSEA MAN ARRAIGNED AFTER STATE POLICE DISRUPT KETAMINE
THROUGH MAIL DELIVERY**

Investigators Seize 6.6 Kilos of Ketamine, three cell phones

BROCKTON – A Swansea man has been arraigned on a drug charge after a State Police investigation found that the man ordered shipments of Ketamine sent to his home and place of work, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

An investigation led by the State Police Commonwealth Interstate Narcotic Reduction Enforcement Team (CINRET), with assistance from Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and Carver Police, led to the arrest of James W. Carey, 39, of Swansea, at 5:30 pm on Wednesday.

The investigation alleges that on August 2, two DHL packages sent internationally from Cameroon, were seized by investigators with Homeland Security Investigations conducting routine inspections of packages at JFK Airport in New York. The packages were addressed to Carey's Swansea home and his workplace in Carver. The inspections of the packages revealed that they contained multiple bottles labeled "Natural Ginseng." Contents of the packages were field tested and determined to contain 6.6 kilograms of liquid Ketamine, an anesthetic used in human and veterinary medicine. The liquid Ketamine can be cooked into a powder substance and ingested, and each liter bottle would produce 50 grams of powder Ketamine. The postal packages were immediately seized and ultimately turned over to Massachusetts State Police.

Massachusetts State Police sought and obtained anticipatory search warrants for both listed addresses and on August 8th, along with US Postal Inspection Services, executed controlled deliveries of the packages at both Carey's home and workplace, a group home for adults.

At approximately 3:30 pm, an undercover US postal inspector made a controlled delivery to Carey's place of work. State Police developed information that the listed addressee on the Carver package was a resident of the group home for adults. Carey told the undercover postal inspector that the addressee was not home and accepted the

package. Shortly thereafter, Carey proceeded to his vehicle and State Police approached and placed him under arrest.

As part of the investigation, State Police obtained a search warrant for the Carver location and Carey's home in Swansea. Upon execution of the search warrants State Police seized three cell phones and 3.3 kilograms of liquid ketamine in Carver, and further evidence of Carey's intent to distribute Ketamine at the Swansea location.

Carey was arraigned today in Wareham District Court on one count of Possession with Intent to Distribute Class A, Ketamine. Judge Therese Wright held Carey on \$15,000 cash bail and he was ordered to wear a GPS monitoring bracelet if he should post bail. He is next scheduled to appear in court on September 7.

The investigation is ongoing and was conducted by Massachusetts State Police CINRET and State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, with assistance from Carver Police, US Homeland Security and the United States Postal Service.

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