

# Detectives Conclude Joint Drug Trafficking Investigation in Delaware and Maryland

The Delaware State Police have arrested 34-year-old **Aaron Nickerson** of Wilmington, Delaware, 30-year-old **Khalil Rodriguez-Fitzgerald** of New Castle, Delaware, and 33-year-old **Malcolm Moore** of Claymont, Delaware on numerous drug dealing charges after detectives concluded a several-month-long joint investigation into a drug trafficking organization (DTO). This DTO was responsible for distributing cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, fentanyl, and marijuana throughout New Castle County, Delaware and Cecil County, Maryland. This investigation was conducted alongside the Cecil County (Maryland) Drug Task Force.

On the afternoon of August 6, 2025, members of the Delaware State Police Special Operations Response Team stopped and apprehended Nickerson, Rodriguez-Fitzgerald, and Moore in Nickerson's rental car in Wilmington. A search of the car led to the discovery of the following:

- Approximately 140 grams of crack cocaine
- Approximately 1,973 grams (approximately 4.3 pounds) of marijuana
- Over \$11,000 in suspected drug proceeds

Detectives then executed additional search warrants throughout New Castle County, where two children were present in one of the homes at the time, and discovered the following items:

- Approximately 323 grams of cocaine
- Approximately 108.17 grams of crack cocaine
- Approximately 1,782 grams of phenacetin, a drug cutting

agent

- Approximately 24 grams of marijuana
  - One handgun
  - Numerous rounds of ammunition
  - Over \$21,000 in suspected drug proceeds
  - Various items of drug dealing paraphernalia
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Nickerson, who is a convicted felon and prohibited from possessing a firearm and/or ammunition, was taken to Troop 2, where he was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 11, and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$178,500 cash bond.



- Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 3 Quantity (Felony) – 3 counts
- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance in a Tier 3 Quantity (Felony) – 3 counts
- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Possession of Ammunition by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm While Also Possessing a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance

- in a Tier 2 Quantity (Felony)
  - Operating a Clandestine Laboratory (Felony)
  - Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 2 Quantity (Felony)
  - Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
  - Endangering the Welfare of a Child – 2 counts
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Rodriguez-Fitzgerald and Moore were taken to Troop 2, where they were both charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 11, and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$49,000 cash bond each.



Khalil Rodriguez-Fitzgerald



Malcolm Moore

- Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 3 Quantity (Felony)
- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance in a Tier 3 Quantity (Felony)
- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance in a Tier 2 Quantity (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)

[Drug investigators from the Cecil County Drug Task Force](#) also executed search warrants in Maryland, which led to additional arrests and seizures.