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Canoga Park Couple Charged for Sale of Controlled Substances

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Joshua Edenfield (DOB 10/13/83) and Riana Ward (DOB 06/16/87), both of Canoga Park, have been charged with the sale of controlled substances and possession of a handgun. Edenfield has been charged with the sale of fentanyl, possession of a controlled substance with a firearm, possession for sale of fentanyl while armed with a firearm, possession for sale of heroin while armed with a firearm, possession for sale of methamphetamine while armed with a firearm, felon in possession of a firearm, and felon in possession of ammunition. Ward has been charged with the sale of fentanyl, the sale of heroin, possession of a controlled substance with a firearm, possession for sale of fentanyl while armed with a firearm, possession for sale of heroin while armed with a firearm, and possession for sale of methamphetamine while armed with a firearm.

On March 16, 2022, Simi Valley Police Department detectives executed a search warrant at Ward and Edenfield's apartment. Prior to executing the search warrant, detectives had knowledge that both were engaged in the sale of narcotics in Ventura County. Detectives located approximately 2.25 pounds of fentanyl, approximately 2.9 pounds of methamphetamine, approximately 81.9 grams of heroin, a loaded 9mm Glock handgun, \$24,115 in cash, digital scales with residue, and narcotics packaging.

Both Edenfield and Ward were arraigned on Friday, March 18, 2022, and both pled not guilty to the charges and special allegations. The case is set for an early disposition conference on March 29, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Edenfield and Ward are currently in custody on \$120,000 bail each.

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