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Press Release

Three plead not guilty in Drug trafficking case

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A joint investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service, State Police detectives assigned to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey's Office, and local police resulted in the arrest yesterday (March 27, 2019) of three Brockton men and the confiscation of thousands of doses of Ecstasy and Ketamine, which is used as both a date-rape and a 'party' drug.

"The Postal Inspection Service first alerted us to this organization and have been outstanding partners throughout the investigation," District Attorney Morrissey said following the trio's arraignment in Stoughton District Court on Thursday, March 28, 2019.

Allante D. Pires, age 22, of Leach Street in Brockton, and Steven McCall, 23, of North Ash Street, Brockton, each entered a plea of not guilty to charges of trafficking in 200 grams or more of Ketamine and trafficking in 200 grams or more of MDMA, or Ecstasy.

Binh Le, 22, of Menlo Street Brockton, pled not guilty to Distribution of Class B substance MDMA, Trafficking in 200 grams or more of Ketamine, and two counts of Trafficking in 200 grams or more of MDMA.

Assistant District Attorney Michael A. Pirrello asked Judge Daniel J. O'Malley to hold them men on \$500,000 bail each. Judge O'Malley ordered \$50,000 cash for each defendant with the condition that should any of them post bail, they be subject to GPS monitoring of their location. All three are due back May 3, 2019 for pre-trial conference.

"This began as an investigation into whether this organization was utilizing the United States mail to send shipments of illegal drugs, some purchased using cryptocurrency and on the 'dark web,' to locations nationally," District Attorney Morrissey confirmed after the case was detailed to Judge O'Malley at arraignment. After several months of investigation, search warrants were obtained for a commercial property at 1749 Central Street in Stoughton and Le's residence at 285 Menlo Street, Brockton.

Le and Pires were arrested at a business on Route 1 in Norwood at roughly noon, where they had arrived to meet an undercover officer with whom they believed they were going to liquidate a \$200,000 in Bitcoin cryptocurrency for United States currency. McCall was taken into custody at the Central Street location. The Bitcoin was secured as evidence and possibly the proceeds of criminal activity.

"This was a strong example of local, state, and federal law enforcement working together effectively," Morrissey said. "Norwood Police, Stoughton Police, Brockton Police, State Police and federal authorities had to work together to make this happen. And it did."