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Detectives arrest one and seize drugs, dozens of guns while executing search warrant

Salem, Ore. — An Aumsville man was arrested as part of a search warrant served early Tuesday morning, May 21.

Joseph Wallace Blades was arrested without incident at his home in the 11000 block of Silver Falls HW SE after Salem Police Felony Crimes Unit detectives served a search warrant at the location with the assistance of the Marion County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team.

The search of the residence resulted in the seizure of approximately 250 M30 pills suspected to be fentanyl. Also seized were 36 firearms of varying types, including rifles, shotguns, and handguns, as well as body armor and ammunition.

Blades, age 42, was lodged at the [Marion County Jail](#) and will be arraigned at the [Marion County Circuit Court Annex](#) on Wednesday, May 22, on the following [charges](#):

- Felon in possession of a weapon, firearm
- Prohibited possession of a firearm, short-barreled shotgun
- Possession of a stolen vehicle
- Felon in possession of body armor

The case remains an active investigation, and given Blades' arrest status, no further information is available for release.

We thank the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) for their help in apprehending Blades. Their assistance in the case highlights the [collaborative work](#) being done in our region by Salem Police and MCSO to remove illegal firearms from the hands of felons.

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