

California police union executive charged with attempting to import opioids

Executive director of the San Jose Police Officers Association charged with attempt to unlawfully import valeryl fentanyl

The executive director of a US police union has been charged with attempting to illegally import a fentanyl analogue, and has been accused of using the police union's office to communicate with her suppliers and mail the drugs.

Joanne Segovia, the executive director of the San Jose Police Officers Association in California, was charged with attempt to unlawfully import valeryl fentanyl, a variation of the powerful synthetic opioid, and faces up to 20 years in prison, the justice department said in a statement on Wednesday.

Between 2015 and 2023, Segovia allegedly used "her personal and office computers to order thousands of opioid and other pills to her home and agreed to distribute the drugs elsewhere in the United States", the justice department said.

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