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## **LARGE FENTANYL AND WEAPONS SEIZURE AT DEAD BODY CALL**

Date/Time: March 23, 2022/ 9:25 PM  
Arrestee: Michael De La Cruz, 29 years old, resident of Westminster  
Charges: California Health & Safety Code 11351 – Possession of narcotics for sale  
California Penal Code 30605(a) – Possession of assault weapon  
California Penal Code 32310 – Possession of large capacity magazine  
California Penal Code 24610 – Possession of undetectable firearm

**WESTMINSTER, CA** – On March 23, 2022, at about 2:45 pm, WPD officers were dispatched to the Calespana Apartments, located at 15150 Magnolia St., reference an unresponsive male. Officers arrived and found an adult male lying on his back on the living room floor of an apartment. He was pronounced dead at the scene by responding OCFA paramedics. WPD detectives were summoned to the scene due to the death appearing to be a fentanyl overdose. The apartment's renter, Michael De La Cruz, was interviewed at the scene and subsequently arrested after a search warrant was served at the apartment. The search of the apartment yielded over 5 kilos of suspected fentanyl, 5 assault rifles, and 3 handguns, including 2 "ghost" guns. The estimated street value of the fentanyl is over \$100,000. De La Cruz was booked into the Orange County Jail for the above-listed charges.

The investigation is ongoing and WPD detectives urge anyone who has additional information to contact the Westminster Police Department at 714-548-3212, or Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1-855-TIP-OCCS or by logging on to [www.occrimestoppers.org](http://www.occrimestoppers.org). Callers can remain anonymous.



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