

Massachusetts State Police seize MAC-11 machine gun, pistol, PCP, cocaine and arrest three

“A joint operation on Friday March 1, 2024, by the Massachusetts State Police and Springfield Police Firearms Investigation Unit (FIU) resulted in the arrests of three Springfield residents and the seizure of a large amount of cocaine, as well as Phencyclidine (PCP), a MAC-11 machine gun, and an additional semi-automatic handgun.

Over the past several months, the State Police Commonwealth Interstate Narcotics Reduction Enforcement Team’s West Unit (CINRET-West) investigated the distribution of cocaine out of a first floor apartment at 953 Liberty St., Springfield. In the early morning hours of Friday March 1, 2024, CINRET-West, assisted by Springfield FIU, executed a Springfield District Court “knock and announce” search warrant for that location.

Troopers and Officers searched the residence and located approximately 150 grams of suspected cocaine; Phencyclidine, commonly referred to as “PCP”; a loaded semi-automatic handgun; and a MAC-11 subcompact machine gun with ammunition and two large 32 round high-capacity magazines. The MAC-11’s high cyclic rate is able to empty the entire 32-round magazine in about two seconds with a rate of fire of 1,200 rounds per minute.

All three residents, 35-year-old CARLOS COLLAZO, 45-year-old LUIS CLEMENTE, and 38-year-old JOSELYN COLLAZO were placed under arrest and booked at the Springfield Police Department.

CARLOS COLLAZO was charged with the following offenses:

- Unlawful possession of a firearm;
- Possession of a machine gun;
- Possession of large capacity magazine (two counts);
- Unlawful possession of ammunition;
- Possession of a firearm with three or more prior violent offenses (two counts);
- Possession of a firearm in commission of a felony (two counts);
- Violation of a 209a order prohibiting possession of firearms/ammunition; and
- Trafficking in cocaine, 100-200 grams.

LUIS CLEMENTE and JOSELYN COLLAZO were each charged with the following offenses:

- Possession with intent to distribute a Class B substance (PCP); and
- Possession with intent to distribute a Class B substance (cocaine)."-Massachusetts State Police.