

Mattapoissett man arrested with Fentanyl, pills and \$6,788

As a result of a month long narcotics investigation the Mattapoissett Police Department executed multiple search warrants resulting in the arrest of John Decosta Jr, age 28, of 1 Driscoll Lane in Mattapoissett.



During the investigation Narcotics Officers observed Decosta engage in multiple hand-to-hand drug transactions. In addition, Narcotics Officers conducted multiple controlled purchases of Fentanyl from Decosta over the past month.

Fentanyl is a potent opioid that is approximately 80-100 times more potent than morphine and approximately 40-50 times more potent than heroin. Fentanyl has been linked to many of the overdoses throughout the Southcoast.

The search warrants produced 8.5 grams of Fentanyl, 29 Percocet 30 mg pills, 80 Methadone Pills, Anabolic Steroids, scales, packaging material, and 18 shotgun shells. Officers seized \$6,788.00 in US currency and a 2012 Chevy Malibu.



John Decosta was subsequently charged with possession with the intent to distribute a class "B" substance (Fentanyl), possession with the intent to distribute a class "B" substance (Percocet), possession with the intent to distribute a class "B" substance (methadone), possession of a class "C" substance (steroids), and possession of ammunition without an FID card.

Detectives from the South Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (SEMLEC) Detectives Unit assisted with the investigation. These departments consisted of Wareham, Marion, Fairhaven, Dartmouth, Somerset, Swansea and Seekonk Police Departments. In addition, Seekonk Police K-9 assisted with the search. This collaborative effort enabled the Mattapoissett Police Department to conduct a thorough investigation across jurisdictional boundaries.

Anyone with information involving illegal drugs can leave an anonymous tip @ 508-758-2211 or drugtips@mattapoissettpolice.com