

# New Bedford Heroin Dealer Sentenced to Prison

A 46-year-old New Bedford man arrested late last year for dealing heroin out of his Coffin Avenue apartment was sentenced to serve up to four-and-a-half years in state prison recently, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Edwin Cabezudo pleaded guilty in Fall River Superior Court to an indictment charging him with possession with intent to distribute a Class A Drug (heroin). The defendant has been previously convicted of three other drug offenses in 2000, 2003 and 2010.

After an extensive investigation by New Bedford Police, detectives applied for and were granted a search warrant for the defendant's residence last December. On December 13, 2017, detectives executed the search warrant at the defendant's address and seized 23 grams of heroin, more than \$12,000 in cash from a drug distribution enterprise. The defendant, who was home at the time of the execution of the search warrant was arrested without incident.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney William Flynn, and the three-and-a-half to four-and-a-half year state prison sentence was imposed by Judge Mark Hallal.

"This defendant, who has a prior history of drug dealing, continues to profit off the opioid crisis," District Attorney Quinn said. "There must be accountability for those individuals who are making money off of others misery."