

New Bedford man with 60 prior arraignments arrested again on cocaine charges, high speed chase

The New Bedford Police Department recently arrested a 31 year old New Bedford man with an extensive criminal history consisting of 60 adult arraignments. Some of which include convictions for distribution of cocaine, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and trafficking a controlled substance.

The even bigger issue is that according to the New Bedford Police Department, New Bedford District Court Judges have dismissed nearly half of these cases.

On Wednesday, October 5th, detectives concluded an investigation into a cocaine distribution operation being run by this individual. At around 4 PM, detectives located him operating a vehicle in the area of Rockdale Ave. and Dartmouth St.

While attempting to stop him, the suspect fled at a high rate of speed, recklessly traveling deeper into the south end with detectives chasing him. After blowing a tire, the vehicle came to a stop in the area of George St. where he then fled on foot before being stopped and secured in a nearby yard.

Detectives later made an entry into his residence where a search was conducted. As a result, over 930 grams of cocaine was discovered along with cutting agent, scales, and packaging materials.

Over \$2500 in cash was found and seized as a result of the nature of his charges. The suspect was taken into custody and

charged with trafficking in excess of 200 grams of cocaine and failing to stop for police among other charges.

He was already wanted in connection with a drug transaction that had taken place in early August during which he sold crack cocaine to an individual in a pharmacy parking lot. He was charged with the distribution of crack cocaine and conspiracy to violate the Controlled Substance Act regarding that incident.

Will this 61st arraignment finally send a message to New Bedford District Court judges? Or should the New Bedford Police anticipate opening another investigation on this career criminal in the near future? Only time will tell!



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