

New Bedford man, repeat offender, facing 10 charges after failing to stop for police

“NEW BEDFORD – New Bedford patrol officers have arrested a male and located narcotics following a vehicle and foot pursuit in the city’s west end.

On Sunday, August 27th, Ofc. Jonathan Miranda was on patrol in the west-end sector. At around 7 PM, he noticed a vehicle with an expired license plate that didn’t match its make and model, traveling in the area of the Rounds St./Maple St. intersection. Ofc. Miranda activated his lights and attempted to stop the vehicle which then fled from him at a high rate of speed. The suspect drove erratically throughout the west-end neighborhood before finally coming to a stop in the rear parking lot of St. Luke’s.

At this time, the suspect exited his vehicle and ran towards the hospital, attempting to open a door which he found to be locked. Unable to gain entrance into St. Luke’s, he then fled on foot towards Allen St. A perimeter was established as assisting officers began to search through yards. Sgt. Trevor Sylvia and Ofc. Tim DaCosta were able to locate the male hiding beneath the porch of a Clover St. address. He was then identified as Mr. BRIGHTON KIRK HERNANDEZ, 21, of 625 County St.

HERNANDEZ was placed under arrest. A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of three baggies of fentanyl and one baggie of crack cocaine. HERNANDEZ was found to have \$599 in cash that was seized as a result of the nature of his charges.

Additionally, HERNANDEZ was found to be on state parole. His

supervising parole officer immediately requested a detainer warrant which was served upon him. HERNANDEZ has past convictions for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault, and battery on a police officer, possession with intent to distribute class B, and possession of fentanyl.

As a result of this incident, HERNANDEZ is now charged with possession with intent to distribute classes A and B, failing to stop, reckless operation, illegally attaching plates, and operating an unregistered/uninsured vehicle.

If you have any information regarding criminal activity, we would like to hear from you. You can remain anonymous by calling 508-99-CRIME, or leaving a tip at this link.

1. Illegally attached plates
2. Warrant Arrest
3. Unregistered motor vehicle on a public way
4. Uninsured motor vehicle
5. Failure to stop for police
6. Reckless operation of a motor vehicle/operating to endanger
7. Drug, possess to distribute Class B
8. Drug, possess to distribute Class B, Subsq. c94C §32A(b)
9. Drug, possess to distribute Class A
10. Vandalize property c266 §126A