

New Bedford Police Detectives arrest 3 for Fentanyl trafficking

New Bedford detectives assigned to the Organized Crime Intelligence Bureau conducted two raids in the same shift which yielded three arrests for Fentanyl trafficking.

On January 12, detectives executed a search warrant at 161 Fillmore St. in the Presidential housing development. The target of the investigation was YAMIL ANTHONY VELZQUEZ ACEVEDO, 26. During a search of the apartment, over 196 grams of Fentanyl were located. ACEVEDO and his roommate, **LUCIA PEREZ CRUZ**, 47, were both taken into custody and charged with trafficking in Fentanyl in excess of 100 grams and conspiracy.

YAMIL ACEVEDO has 3 open cases in Bristol Superior Court and was last arrested in January of 2021 for trafficking in excess of 36 grams of Fentanyl in addition to other narcotics related charges. He was on home confinement and GPS monitoring at the time of this new arrest. The lead detective is Lavar Gilbert.

Later in the day, narcotics detectives executed a search warrant at 41 Campbell St. The target of the investigation was **RORY BARROWS**, 22. During a search of the residence, over 229 grams of Fentanyl were discovered along with cutting agent and packing materials. The defendant was also found to be in possession of crack cocaine, and \$1070 that was seized as a result of the nature of his charges.

RORY BARROWS is currently on probation out of Bristol Superior court. He has two open cases in New Bedford district court and two open cases in Wareham district court. He is now charged with trafficking in excess of 200 grams of Fentanyl and possessing crack cocaine with intent to distribute. The lead detective is Timothy Soares.

The New Bedford police department remains steadfast in its campaign against the opiate epidemic which has claimed countless lives. We will continue in our struggle against the scourge of fentanyl and heroin by investigating and prosecuting all those involved in its distribution.

If you have any information on criminal activity in your neighborhood, the New Bedford Police Dept. wants to hear from you. You can leave an anonymous tip on our voicemail at (508) 991-6300 Ext. 1. You can also leave a tip at our website, www.newbedfordpd.com