

# **New Bedford police arrest six, seize 220 grams of fentanyl on Tuesday**

New Bedford police detectives arrested six people and seized more than 220 grams of fentanyl during two separate incidents on May 26. Fentanyl is responsible for 93% of all overdose deaths in Massachusetts.

As a result of an ongoing investigation, detectives seized 208 grams of fentanyl with a street value of \$20,000 (more than eight grams of marijuana) \$1,200, and a variety of drug paraphernalia during a search of 15 Viall St., Apt. 1S. Paula Calisto and Abraham Castro—both of 41, 15 Viall St., Apt. 1S—were both charged with trafficking fentanyl over 200 grams, possession and conspiracy. Detective Timothy Soares led the investigation.



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Also on May 26, while targeting street-level sales of narcotics in the south end of New Bedford, detectives observed what appeared to be a narcotics transaction involving two vehicles on Frank Street off Padanaram Ave. After stopping the vehicles, detectives located more than 15 grams of fentanyl and \$905.

As a result of that stop, Nathan Stork, 29, 113 Middleboro Rd., E. Freetown, who is known to narcotics detectives for fentanyl activity was charged with distribution and conspiracy. Rodney Quintal, 29, 95 Fir Ave., Tiverton, RI, was charged with trafficking, possession to distribute, and conspiracy. Ryan Carvalho, 34, 30 Watson Way, Fall River, was charged with trafficking and conspiracy. Crystal Botelho, 54 Brown St., Apt. 2, Fall River, was charged with trafficking and conspiracy.

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