

New Bedford police arrest three, seize fentanyl and crack cocaine

On May 19, New Bedford police officers arrested three people and seized more than 25 grams of fentanyl, 18 grams of crack cocaine, \$1,007, and drug paraphernalia.

Police officers executed a search warrant at 128 Sycamore St., Apt. 2, and seized 20 bags of fentanyl weighing more than 25 grams, a digital scale, packaging materials and \$895.

Juan Rivera Montilla, 25, was charged with trafficking, conspiracy, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Nathaneal Navarro-Ayala, 40, 128 Sycamore St., Apt. #2 was charged with trafficking and conspiracy. Detective Timothy Soares led the investigation.

Also that day, Detectives seized more than 18 grams of crack cocaine and \$112 after witnessing what appeared to be a street-level drug transaction on Hathaway St. near Madeira Ave. Erique R. Monteiro, 33, 71 S. 6th St. was arrested and charged with distribution, trafficking, and conspiracy.

Detective Nathan Pimental and Detective Kevin Barbosa led the arrests.

If you have any information on criminal activity in our community, 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.