

New Bedford Police Department arrest man and woman on narcotics charges; both wanted on previous warrants

A man and woman were arrested by New Bedford narcotics detectives on Friday afternoon for drug-related charges.

On November 5, detectives were acting on information they had received regarding drug activity and 248 Field St. Police have received numerous complaints from neighbors in the area of this address.

Surveillance was established on the residence and a vehicle the detectives were familiar with was observed arriving. As detectives approached the vehicle, RYAN POTTER, 45, of 87 Clifford St., attempted to throw baggies out of the window. Both baggies were later found to contain in excess of 30 grams of 'crack' cocaine.

POTTER resisted the detectives as they attempted to place him in custody. He was later found to have a digital scale, 2 cellular phones, a small amount of heroin, and over \$600 in his possession.

POTTER had three active warrants for his arrest, one of which is for armed robbery. He was arrested and charged with trafficking in cocaine in excess of 18 grams, possession of class A heroin and resisting arrest. He is currently on New Bedford district court probation and was previously convicted of narcotics distribution charges in 2019, making this a subsequent offense. The cash in his possession was seized as a result of the nature of his charges.

The operator of the vehicle, LINDSEY CERKOVITZ, 40, of Marion,

was found to be in possession of a small amount of heroin and had an active warrant for her arrest. The lead investigator was Det. S. Gwozdz.

This case is an excellent example of how information provided by citizens can become actionable intelligence for the police department, resulting in arrests and seizures. 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.