

Onset man allegedly tries to swallow drugs before arrest in Mattapoissett

On Monday, July 20, the Mattapoissett Police Department along with Detectives from the Wareham Police Department executed an arrest warrant on 30-year-old Alberto "Berto" Velasquez from Onset, MA and a search warrant at the Hillside Motel in Mattapoissett.

Over the past several weeks, Detectives conducted surveillance of Alberto Velasquez at the Hillside Motel in Mattapoissett. During this time, police allege that Velasquez was selling heroin/fentanyl from his room at the motel. Detectives report observing multiple people arrive at the motel day and night to allegedly purchase narcotics. In addition, Detectives report making multiple controlled purchases of heroin/fentanyl from Velasquez at the Hillside Motel.

This morning, Velasquez was observed leaving the motel as a passenger in an unknown person's vehicle. Mattapoissett Police and Wareham Police initiated a motor vehicle stop. Velasquez was the passenger of the vehicle and was allegedly refusing to obey multiple commands from Detectives to exit the vehicle. Velasquez was observed by Detectives attempting to consume what was believed to be heroin/fentanyl. Velasquez was subsequently removed from the vehicle and placed into custody.

Velasquez is charged with Possession of a Class A Substance (subsequent offense), Resisting Arrest, and Disorderly Conduct. In addition, Velasquez was also arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant from Wareham Police for Assault and Battery on a Person Over 60, Animal Cruelty, and Destruction of Property.

Velasquez was booked at the Mattapoissett Police Station and

later transported to Plymouth District Court for arraignment.

Anyone with information involving illegal drugs can leave an anonymous tip with drugtips@mattapoissettpolice.com