

Two arrested for trafficking heroin in New Bedford

Last night at about 6:10 pm., Trooper Andrew DaSilva assigned to the Troop D Community Action Team (CAT) was on patrol when he observed a white Mercedes C320 traveling on County Street in New Bedford with an extremely loud and defective exhaust. Trooper DaSilva stopped the vehicle near the intersection of County St. and Arnold St. Trooper Michael Kadingo assisted at the scene.

The operator, who was identified as MELVIN RODRIGUEZ-MYERS, 26, from New Bedford did not possess a valid driver's license and was subsequently placed under arrest. The passenger was identified as CHRISTINE BENNER, 53, from New Bedford.

As a result of an investigation and search of the motor vehicle, two hard cylinders containing the substance Heroin with a total weight of 20.8 grams and \$1000.00 dollars in United State currency was located.

Both parties were transported to the Dartmouth Barracks where they were booked.

RODRIGUEZ-MYERS was criminally charged with the following offenses:

- Trafficking in Heroin;
- Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law.

He also was issued a civil citation for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Equipment Violation.

BENNER was criminally charged with the following offenses:

-Trafficking in Heroin;

-Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law.

They were transported to the Bristol County House of Correction where they were held pending their arraignment.